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PREFACE TO THE SERVICES.

THE Selections from the Scriptures in the thirty-four Regular Services herein contained, together with the Superintendent's Readings which precede them, make up a history of the life of the Saviour as recorded in the four Gospels. The Revised Version — a few marginal readings being made use of — has been uniformly followed. Each service has a Responsive Reading, a Chant, a Prayer, and a Hymn, which are selected or written with reference to its Selection from the Scriptures. Thus each service, as well as the whole series, is a unit.

It was thought best that the Regular Services should all be formed upon a single model; and the content and length of the model service were such as seemed, by the acceptance given to various service-books now in use, to be adapted to the taste of the largest number of schools. In using one of these Services, the Sunday School as a body will take part in all except the Superintendent's Reading, reading in concert the Responses, the Selection from the Scriptures, and the Prayer, and singing together the Chant and the Hymn.

Services for Special Occasions and for the Infant Class have also been inserted. The latter have been prepared by one who for many years has had charge of a large primary class, and will therefore be found especially adapted to their purpose. The suggestion that services for the closing of the School be included, was not acted upon, because it is the Editor's opinion that the most fitting closing service consists of the singing of a hymn, the repeating in unison of the Lord's Prayer, and a benediction by the Pastor.

For suggestions, advice, and contributions to the devotional part of the Services, the Editor gratefully acknowledges his obligation to his brother-

clergymen. And he now sends "The Redeemer" forth upon its mission to the School, the Church, and the Home, with the prayerful hope that it may help to bring nearer to the hearts of men Christ and his blessed work in the world.

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PREFACE TO THE MUSIC.

THERE will be found in "The Redeemer" several English tunes which have already become more or less popular in Sunday Schools. With these in mind as models, the Compiler's original work has been done. Three things in particular, suggested by a study into the elements of popularity in the English tunes, he has sought for in selecting and writing, —

First, that each tune should have a melody which even children can appreciate and remember;

Second, that the three lower parts should move, except between chords very closely related, by the smallest skips in the diatonic scale;

Third, that all modulations should be carefully prepared:

and he believes that singers who can sing concerted music at all will have no difficulty in sustaining the parts of the tunes, — provided that pianists and organists will take care to render all the parts as they are written.

The hymns have been collected from many sources; a few of them appearing here for the first time in connection with music.

Grateful acknowledgment is made to the Rev. C. L. Hutchins, of Medford, to E. P. Dutton & Co., and to the Editor of "The Gloria" for permission to use hymns and tunes.

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THE REDEEMER.

I.

The Birth of Jesus.

RESPONSIVE READING.

THE people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.

They that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.

The government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts shall perform this.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

ABOUT thirty years before Jesus was born, the entire world then known was united into one nation, with its capital at Rome. Augustus Cæsar, nephew of the great Julius Cæsar, was Emperor. He reigned until Jesus was fourteen years old. Tiberius Cæsar, his stepson, succeeded him, and was still on the throne when Jesus was crucified. . . . All the provinces were heavily taxed to support the government. These are the words of the decree which caused Joseph and Mary to be in Bethlehem when Jesus was born: "Go ye up every man unto his own natal city, there to be enrolled. It is the command of Cæsar."

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

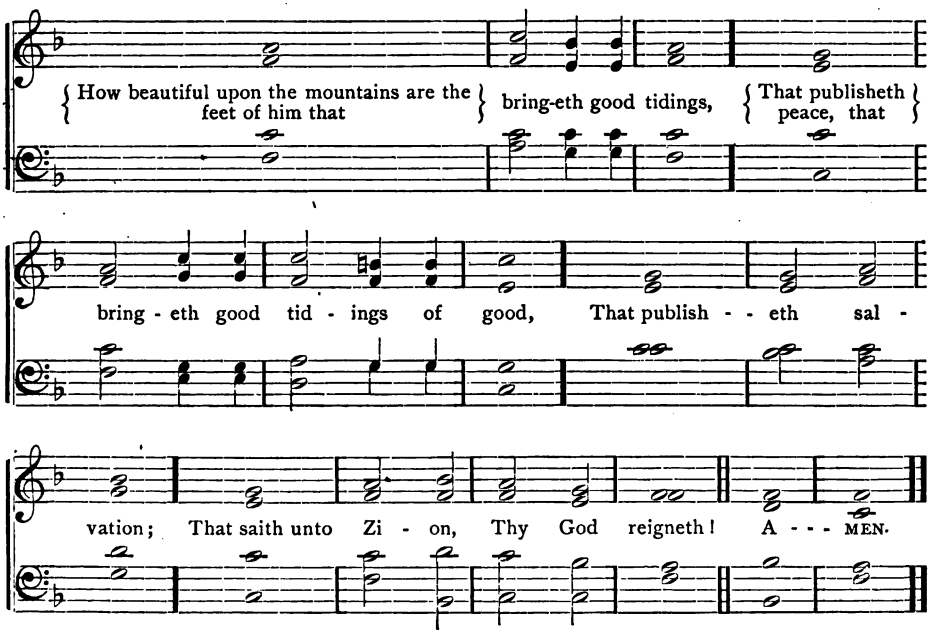
NOW it came to pass in those days, there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrolment made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to enroll themselves, every one to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem,

because he was of the house and family of David, to enroll himself with Mary; and Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king.

And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this is the sign unto you; Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased.

CHANT.

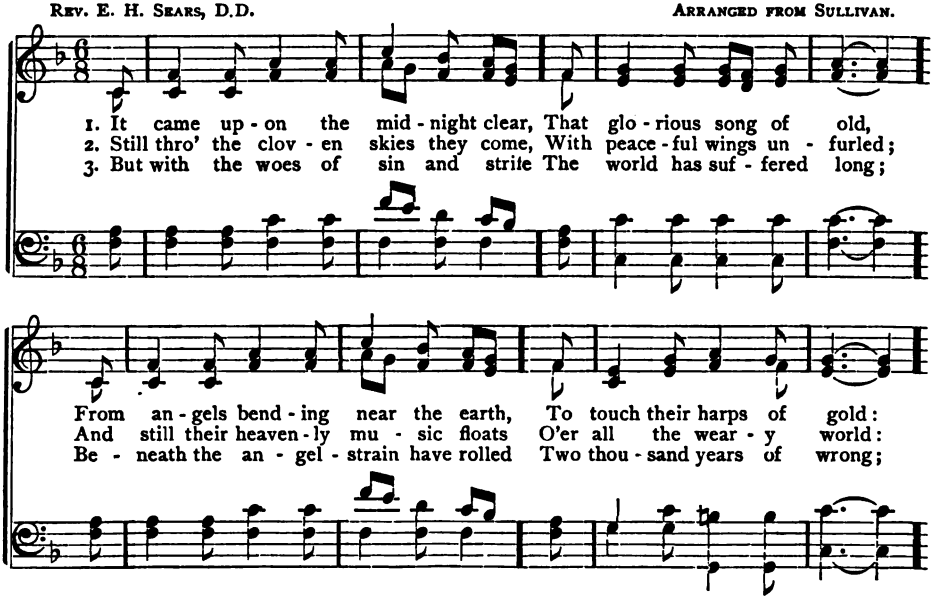


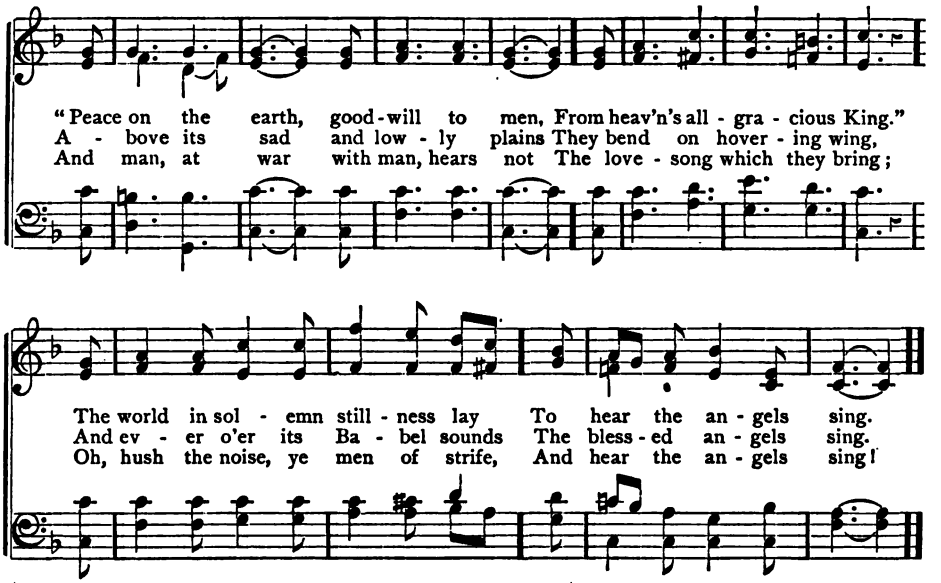
PRAYER.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Let thy blessing rest upon us, as, in the services of our Sunday School, we begin the story of his life who first taught the world thus to call upon thee in prayer. As we visit in thought the lowly birthplace of Jesus, may we feel that thou art with the humblest among us as well as with those of highest station; and here and now, as long ago in Bethlehem, may there be rejoicing among those who love us in heaven, over the birth anew in our hearts of the Christ-spirit. May all the future services of our school be filled with that spirit. In it may we study our lessons; and in it may we go forth to put into faithful practice the truth those lessons teach us. O Father divine, help us to order our daily lives so like the life of Jesus that in childhood, youth, maturity, and old age, we shall ever be giving thee highest glory, bringing peace on earth, and extending the gracious reign of good-will amongst men. In the name of Jesus we ask all. AMEN.

HYMN. "Christmas."

REV. E. H. SEARS, D.D. ARRANGED FROM SULLIVAN.




"Peace on the earth, good-will to men, From heav'n's all - gra - cious King."
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hover - ing wing,
And man, at war with man, hears not The love - song which they bring;
The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.
And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
Oh, hush the noise, ye men of strife, And hear the an - gels sing!

II.

Jesus presented to the Lord.

RESPONSIVE READING.

O FEAR the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

IN the Jewish Church, of which Joseph and Mary were members, there was a religious ceremony called "Presentation to the Lord." It was something like the Christian service called "Christening and Dedication of Children." So the first journey the baby Jesus took was to the Temple at Jerusalem, forty days after his birth.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND when the days of their purification according to the law of Moses were fulfilled, they brought him up to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord. And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit, that

he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, that they might do concerning him after the custom of the law, then he received him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

Now lettest thou thy servant depart, O Lord,
According to thy word, in peace;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples;
A light for revelation to the Gentiles,
And the glory of thy people Israel.

And his father and his mother were marvelling at the things which were spoken concerning him; and Simeon blessed them. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; and coming up at that very hour she gave thanks unto God, and spake of Jesus to all them that were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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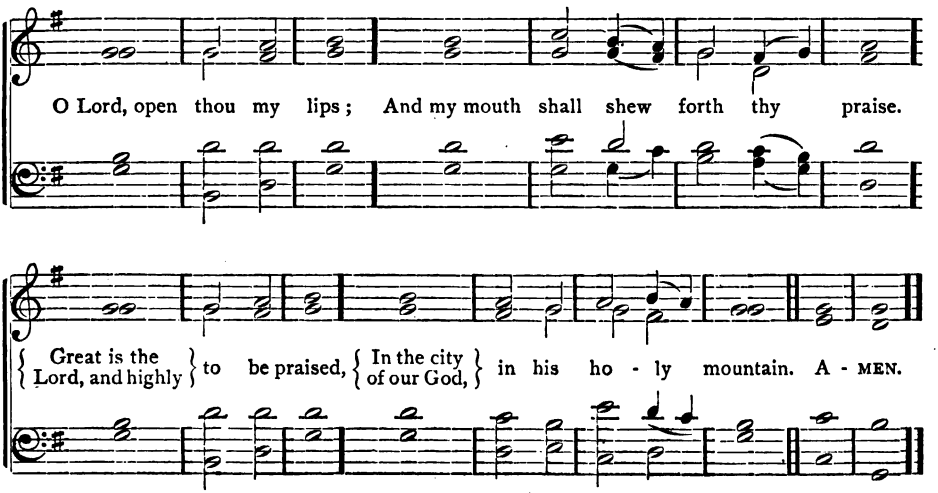

PRAYER.

O THOU to whom all our powers ought to be dedicated, Accept our offering of praise for the consecration to thee of the child Jesus. May the thought of his being taken to the Temple make our own church seem more precious and sacred in our sight. May each time we come here be a step in the same path he trod toward a good life. Keep, O Father, thy little children of our school so like the child Jesus that all good men and women who look for blessing to come to the world shall see its fair promise in their young lives. And day by day may they live so kindly that their fathers and mothers shall hear of the good things spoken of them with joyous wonder. And by thy Holy Spirit move, we pray thee, parents everywhere to take their children each Sunday up to the services in thine earthly temples. Thus together may old and young worship thee; and together may they learn of the Master how to serve thee aright. AMEN.

HYMN. "Simeon." *

From the Danish of BRORSON, by GILBERT TAIT. LEO R. LEWIS.

1. O Sim - e - on, thou man of God, Bless - ed wert thou a thousand fold;
2. Earth's Saviour was thy hope, thy light; And all thy force and fer-vor yearned
3. Oh may we, like good Sim - e - on, Je - sus, the Saviour dear, em-brace!

Thy feet this earth so sin - ful trod, With in - no - cence di - vine - ly bold.
To serve the Lord both day and night: For this a - lone thy spir - it burned.
But we must pur - i - ty put on, Would we look on the pur - est face.

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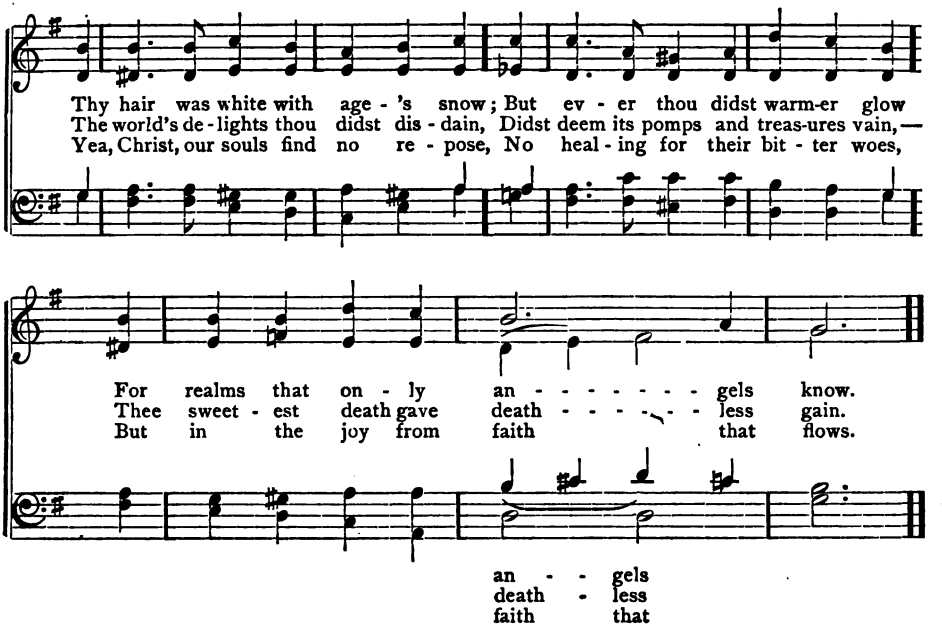
Thy hair was white with age - 's snow; But ev - er thou didst warm-er glow
The world's de - lights thou didst dis - dain, Didst deem its pomps and treas-ures vain,—
Yea, Christ, our souls find no re - pose, No heal - ing for their bit - ter woes,
For realms that on - ly an - - - - - - - gels know.
Thee sweet - est death gave death - - - - - - less gain.
But in the joy from faith that flows.
an - - gels
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III.

The Warning and the Flight.

RESPONSIVE READING.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his pinions, and under his wings thou shalt take refuge.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

PALESTINE, including Peræa east of the Jordan, and Judæa, Samaria, and Galilee west of the Jordan, was one of the provinces of the Roman Empire. Herod the Great was king. When the Wise Men of the East, after their visit to Jesus, did not return to their homes by way of Jerusalem, as Herod had asked them to do, he issued a cruel decree that all the children in Bethlehem younger than two years of age should be put to death; for he feared that Jesus would grow up to be king in place of his sons.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

NOW when the wise men were departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I tell thee: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. And he arose and took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt; and was there until the death of Herod.

But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead that sought the young child's life. And he arose and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judæa in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither; and being warned of God in a dream, he withdrew into the parts of Galilee, and came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, that he should be called a Nazarene.

And the child grew, and waxed strong, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

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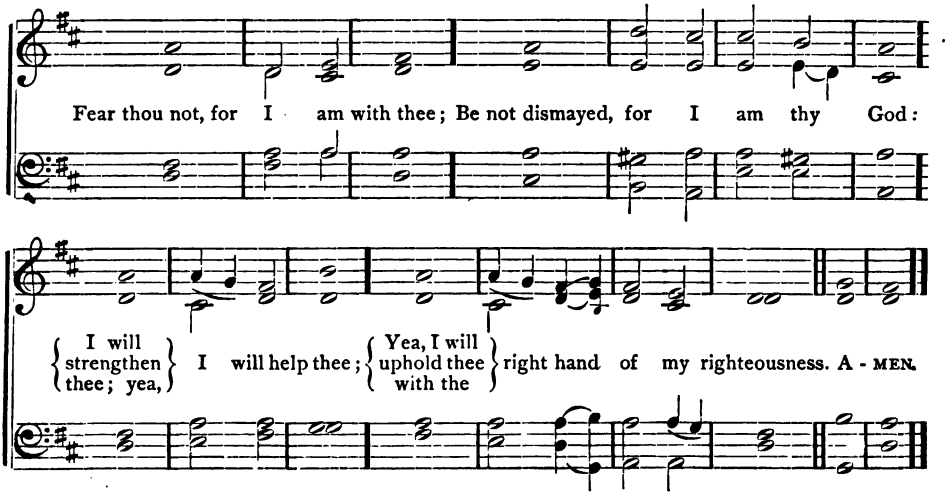


PRAYER.

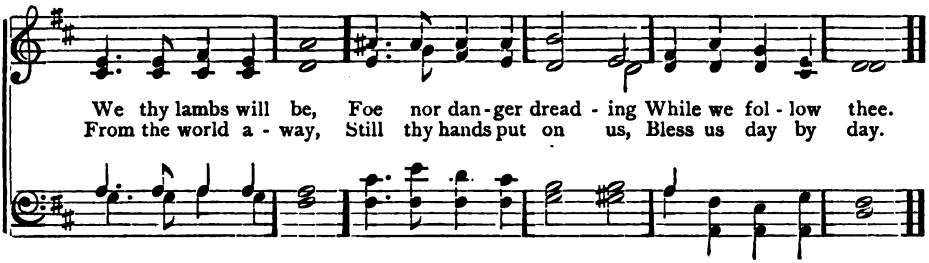
EVER watchful Father, We bless thee that in thy love for us and thy children everywhere thou dost never slumber nor sleep; that in the darkness as well as in the light thou art keeping us from dangers seen and unseen. May it be our purpose to make our future lives of such value that thou mayst deem us worthy to be delivered from all possible harm. We thank thee that thou art the same care-taking God yesterday, to-day, and forever, and that thou art guarding us and our loved ones just as tenderly as thou didst Jesus and his parents. But, O Father, lead us to be as quick to hear thy voice and to see thy blessed angels of love about us as were they. May our parents and teachers, led by thee, seek to guide us to those places where we shall live the safest and most sheltered lives; and as we grow older, may we grow stronger in every good quality. May our minds be filled with true wisdom; and, with thy grace upon us, may our daily lives, however lowly, give thee honor and glory. AMEN.

HYMN.

[BARNBY'S HYMNARY, TUNE 489.]

WILLIAM WHITING (abridged). JOHN BAPTISTE CALKIN.

1. Je - sus Christ our Sav - iour, Once for us a child, In thy whole be - hav - ior Meek, o - be - dient, mild; In thy foot - steps tread - ing,
2. We thy chil - dren, rais - ing Un - to thee our hearts, In thy con - stant prais - ing Bear our du - teous parts. As thy love hath won us


We thy lambs will be, Foe nor dan-ger dread - ing While we fol - low thee.
From the world a - way, Still thy hands put on us, Bless us day by day.

IV.

Jesus with the Wise Men.

RESPONSIVE READING.

HOW amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

They go from strength to strength, every one of them appeareth before God in Zion.

A day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

WHEN Herod died, his three sons succeeded to his dominion. Archela'us had Judæa and Samaria; An'tipas had Peræa and Galilee; Philip, the most humane of the brothers, had the country to the north and east of Galilee and the Lake of Gene'saret. When, twenty-seven years afterward, Jesus began to teach, Herod Antipas and Herod Philip were still ruling in their respective provinces; but Herod Archelaus had been banished for his cruelty, and Pontius Pilate, a Roman, had been appointed in his place. During this period all we hear of Jesus is the account of his visit to Jerusalem with his parents one passover season.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND the parents of Jesus went every year to Jerusalem at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up after the custom of the feast; and when they had fulfilled the days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and his parents knew it not; but supposing him to be in the company, they went a day's journey; and they sought for him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance: and when they found him not, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking for him. And it came to pass, after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions: and all that heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him, they were astonished: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be in my Father's house? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth; and he was subject unto them: and his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

And Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men.

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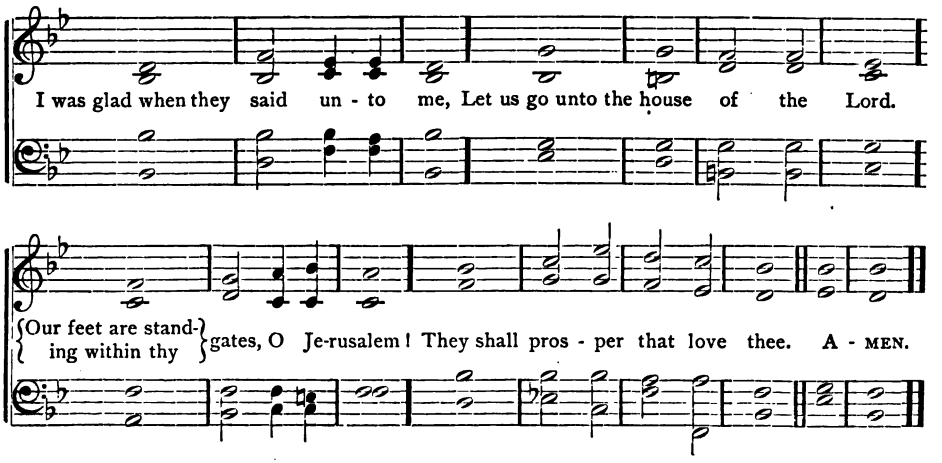

PRAYER.

O THOU eternal God, to whom worship is due, We thank thee for the blessed example which the parents of Jesus set us in taking their son to the temple in which, in the olden time, thou wert worshipped. Oh, turn the hearts of parents everywhere to thy church, that they may take their children in like manner to its life-giving services. May the influence and instruction of these services sink deep into the hearts and minds of all, giving larger wisdom, and helping to live in favor with God and men. Inspire all who love the sanctuary to hallow it with thoughts of thee and thy love; that it may seem indeed to be their Heavenly Father's house. In it may the young learn to be subject to their parents by first being obedient to thee. By the movings of thy gracious spirit fill the hearts of all thy children with a desire to know thee; yea, like Jesus among the teachers in the temple, may they find their truest joy in the study of questions concerning thee and a good life. As learners all, we humbly ask guidance of thee who art the Fountain of all wisdom. AMEN.

HYMN. "From Week to Week." *

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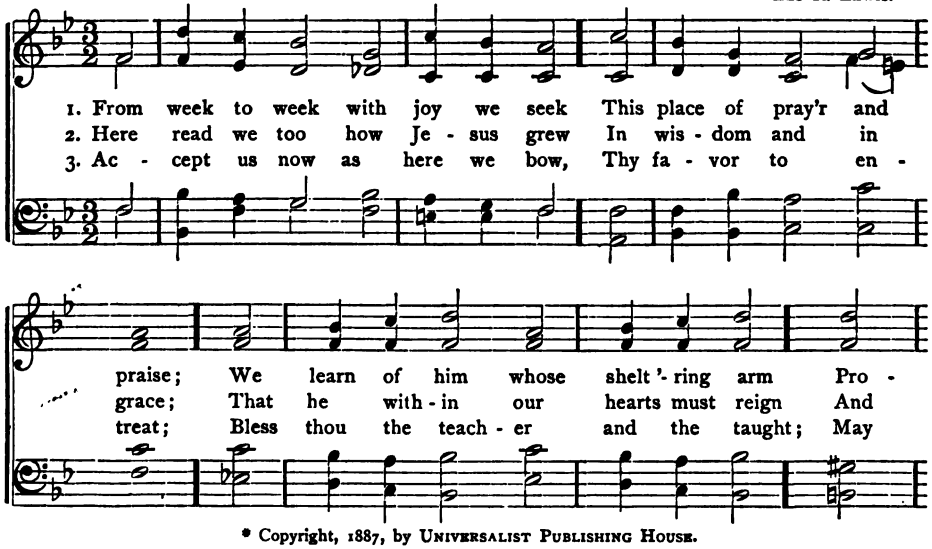

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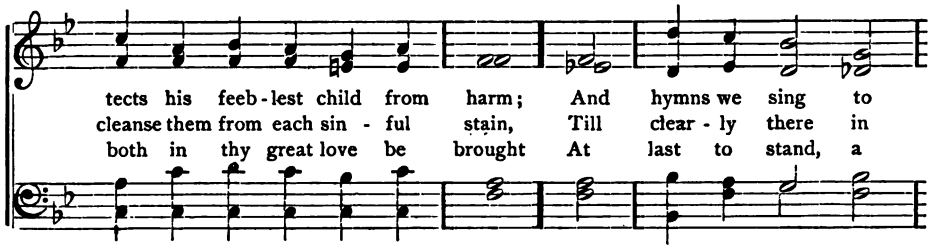
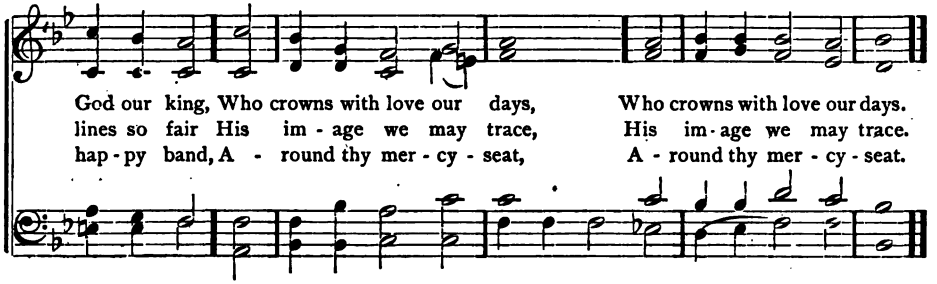


tects his feeb-lest child from harm; And hymns we sing to
cleanse them from each sin - ful stain, Till clear - ly there in
both in thy great love be brought At last to stand, a



God our king, Who crowns with love our days, Who crowns with love our days.
lines so fair His im - age we may trace, His im - age we may trace.
hap - py band, A - round thy mer - cy - seat, A - round thy mer - cy - seat.

Who crowns with love . . . our days.
His im - age we . . . may trace.
A - round thy mer - - - cy - seat.

V.

The Baptism.

RESPONSIVE READING.

THE voice of one that crieth, Prepare ye in the wilderness the way of the Lord,
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low:
And the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain,
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together:
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

JOHN — surnamed "The Baptist" because he baptized his disciples — was the son of Zachari'as, a Jewish priest, and Elizabeth, a relative of Mary, the mother of Jesus. He was six months older than Jesus. When he was about thirty years of age he began to preach in the region around the Jordan, just above the Dead Sea.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND in those days cometh John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judæa, saying, Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
Make ye ready the way of the Lord,
Make his paths straight.

Now John himself had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his food was locusts and wild honey. And he came into all the region round about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins. Then went out unto him Jerusalem, and all Judæa, and all the region round about Jordan; and they were baptized of him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to the Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John would have hindered him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? But Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffereth him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway from the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon him; and lo, a voice out of the heavens, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

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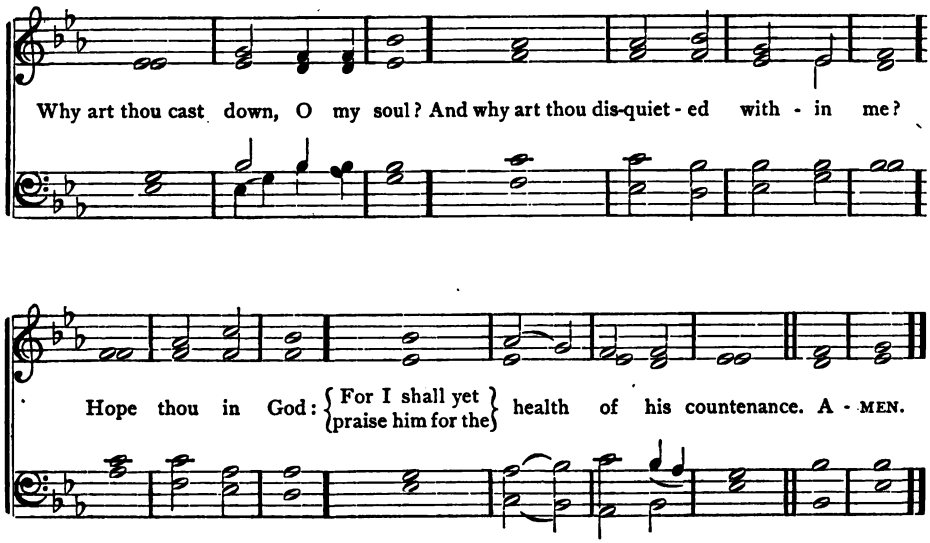
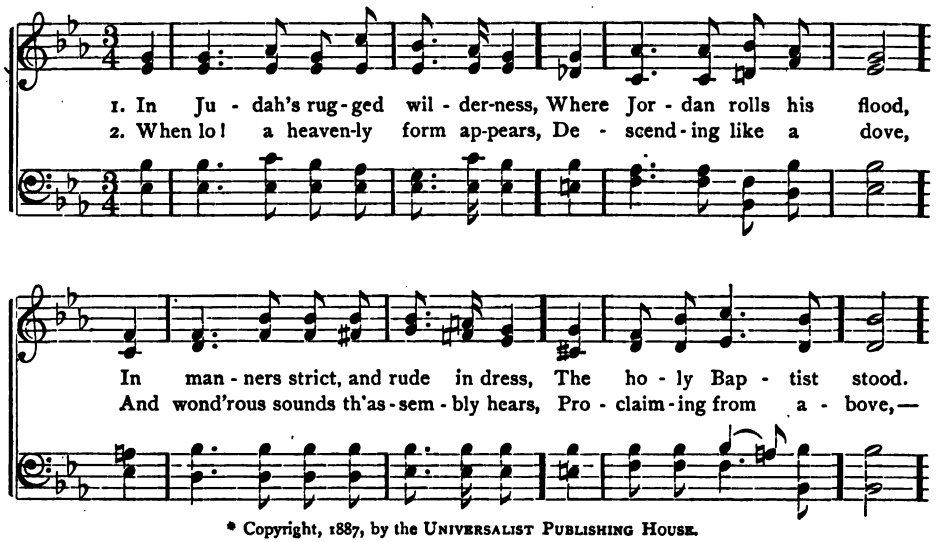


PRAYER.

O THOU infinite and eternal Being, who dost inspire and direct all work done in the world for the salvation of thy children, We thank thee for the Gospel of Jesus. As we read to-day of the beginnings of that Gospel, may we be taught many helpful lessons. May we see that, though the years of childhood and youth are quiet and uneventful, yet if during them children are reverent and obedient, the time shall come when, led by thee, they go forth to do good work in the world. Teach us that it matters not whether we prepare the way for others, or walk in it ourselves; since all faithfulness helps the coming of thy kingdom. Teach us also to observe with sincerity the rites and forms of the Church; and may we join in them so heartily, and be so faithful in our daily service for thee and our fellow-men, that we may indeed be thy beloved children, in whom thou shalt be well pleased. In the name of thy best beloved son Jesus we ask all. AMEN.

HYMN. "Baptism." *

THOMAS FLETCHER. LEO R. LEWIS.



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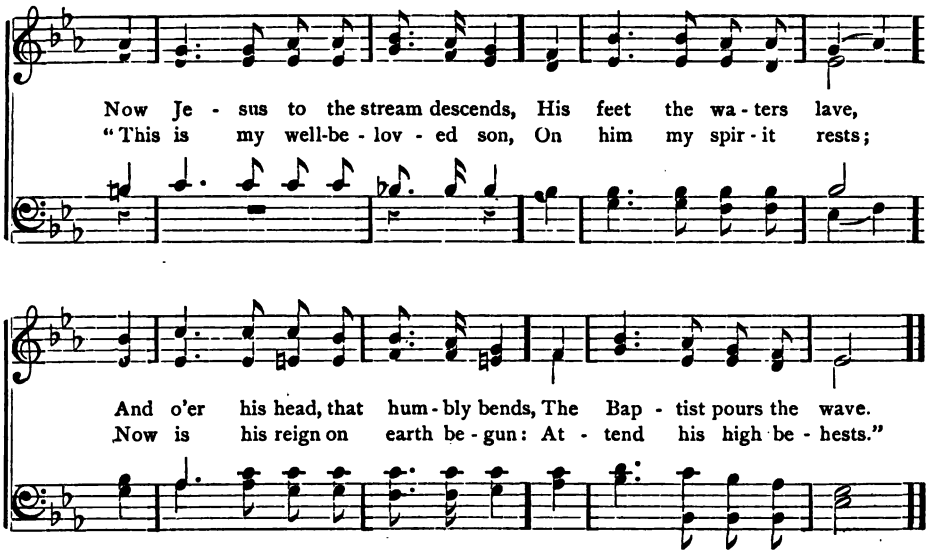
Now Je - sus to the stream descends, His feet the wa - ters lave,
"This is my well-be - lov - ed son, On him my spir - it rests;
And o'er his head, that hum - bly bends, The Bap - tist pours the wave.
Now is his reign on earth be - gun: At - tend his high be - hests."

VI.

The Temptation.

RESPONSIVE READING.

BLESSED is the man that endureth temptation:
For when he hath been approved, he shall receive the crown of life.
Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God:
For God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempteth no man.
Whosoever would be a friend of the world maketh himself an enemy of God.
Be subject therefore unto God;
But resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

BY being baptized, Jesus became a disciple of John. After passing through the experience called "The Temptation in the Wilderness," he returned to John. Here four of his future disciples — James and John, Andrew and Peter — came to him, and he became a teacher himself.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

THEN was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he afterward hungered. And the tempter came and said unto him, If thou art the Son of God,

command that these stones become bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him into the holy city; and he set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto him, If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written,

He shall give his angels charge concerning thee:
And on their hands they shall bear thee up,
Lest haply thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Jesus said unto him, Again it is written, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him unto an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and he said unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him; and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

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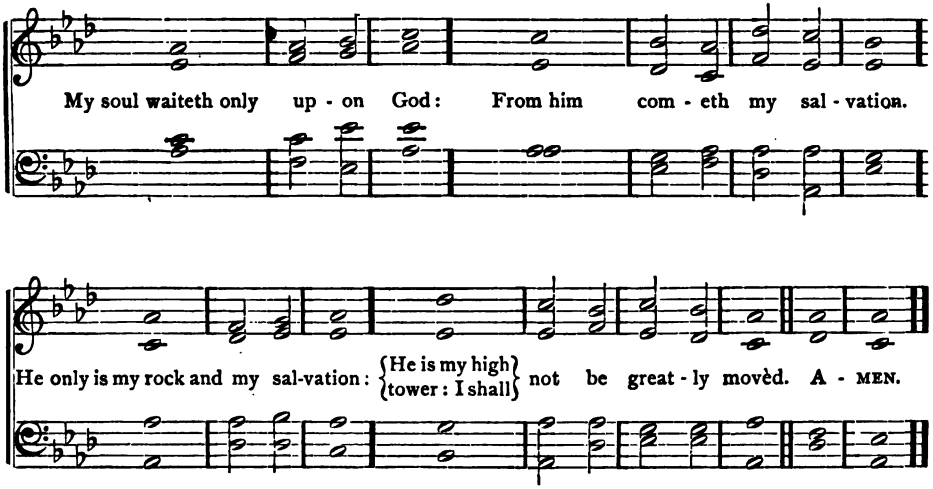

PRAYER.

O THOU to whom Jesus taught us to pray, Lead us not into temptation, May we feel thee ever at hand to guide and help us as we are called upon to meet the temptations of daily life. In the hour when danger is greatest, fix our hearts upon him who came off more than conqueror in the wilderness; and in his spirit may we triumph over all that tries us. Keep ever with us, we pray thee, the thought that it is not for our own happiness only that we should keep ourselves free from evil; that the happiness also of those who love us depends on our being pure and upright. Inspired by this thought and by the example of the Saviour, may we, O Father in heaven, ever be found worthy of the love and respect of the good. And when the hour of trial is past, send to us thy ministering spirits of peace and content; and may we find their presence so grateful that we shall be moved to make our hearts their eternal dwelling-place. In his name who hath been in all points tempted as we are, but was without sin, we ask all. AMEN.

HYMN. "Hear me, Heavenly Father." *

MRS. E. E. BROWN. LEO R. LEWIS.

1. Hear me, Heaven - ly Fa - - ther, hear me! Low be - fore thy throne I kneel; Thro' the dark - ness be thou
2. Heed me, Heaven - ly Fa - - ther, heed me! Do not slight thy err - ing child; Stretch thy lov - ing hand and

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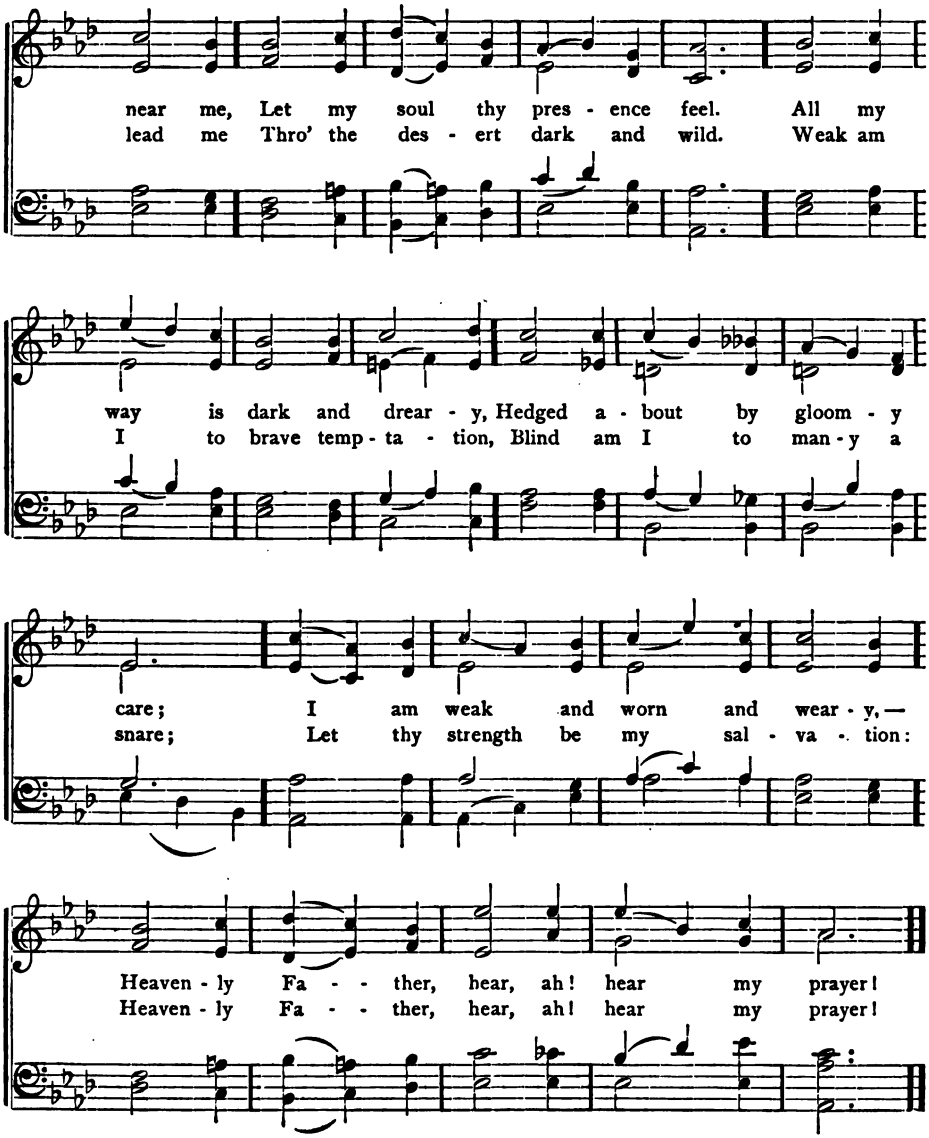
near me, Let my soul thy pres - ence feel. All my
lead me Thro' the des - ert dark and wild. Weak am
way is dark and drear - y, Hedged a - bout by gloom - y
I to brave temp - ta - tion, Blind am I to man - y a
care; I am weak and worn and wear - y, —
snare; Let thy strength be my sal - va - tion:
Heaven - ly Fa - - ther, hear, ah! hear my prayer!
Heaven - ly Fa - - ther, hear, ah! hear my prayer!

VII.

Jesus at the Passover.

RESPONSIVE READING.

JUDGE me, O Lord, for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the Lord without wavering.
Thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes; and I have walked in thy truth.
I have not sat with vain persons; neither will I go in with dissemblers.
I hate the congregation of evil doers, and will not sit with the wicked.
I will wash my hands in innocency; so will I compass thine altar, O Lord.
Lord, I love the habitation of thy house, and the place where thy glory dwelleth.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

JESUS, in company with two pairs of brothers, James and John, Andrew and Peter, started homeward to Nazareth. On the way they met another future disciple of Jesus, Philip. Arriving at Nazareth, they found that the family of Jesus were attending a wedding at Cana. Going thither, Jesus wrought his first miracle, and met Nathanael, another of his future disciples. From here, they all went to Capernaum, a city upon the Lake of Genesaret. But after a few days' stay the company proceeded to Jerusalem to attend the passover.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND the passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. And he found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: and he made a scourge of cords, and cast all out of the temple, both the sheep and the oxen; and he poured out the changers' money, and overthrew their tables; and to them that sold the doves he said, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came unto him by night, and said to him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these signs that thou doest, except God be with him.

After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judæa; and there he tarried with them, and baptized. And John also was baptizing in Ænon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized. For John was not yet cast into prison.

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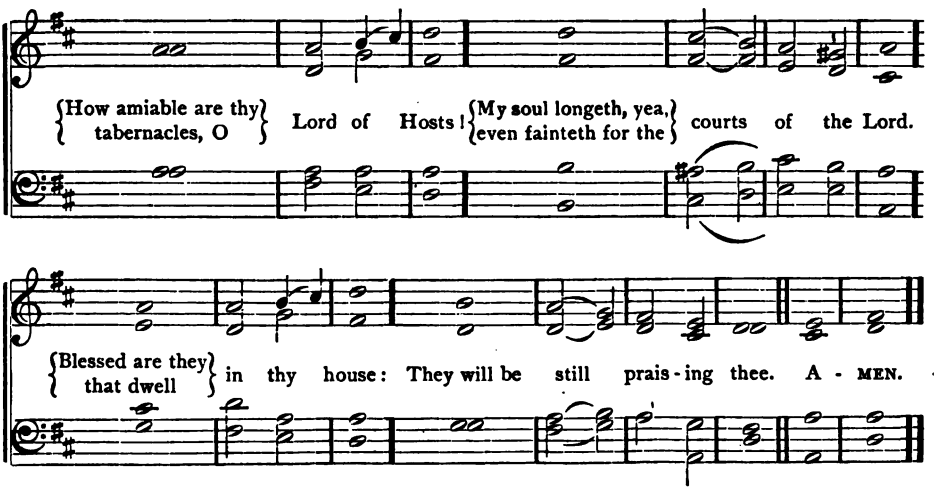
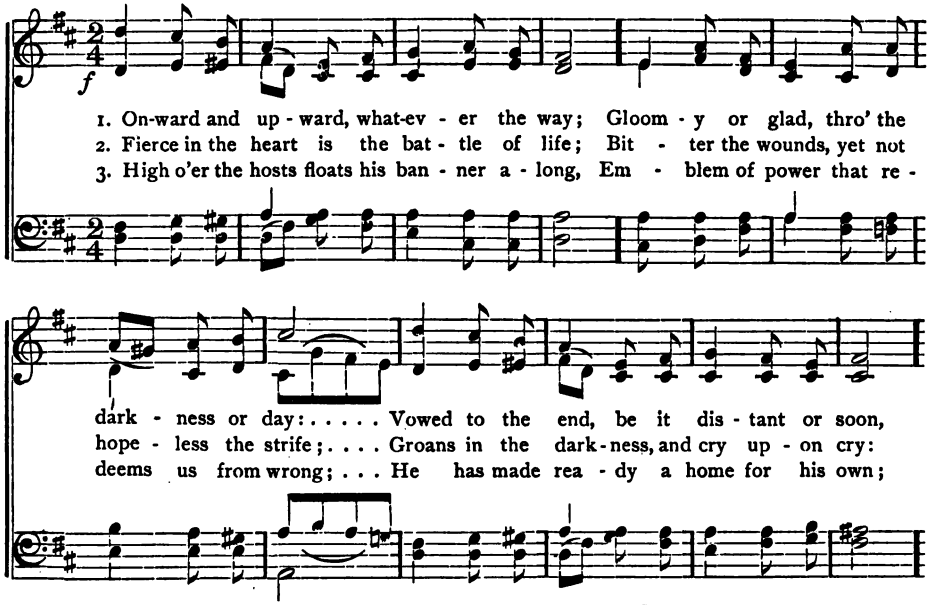


PRAYER.

O THOU to whom no worship is acceptable that is not sincere, no service pleasing that is not unselfish, Teach us, we pray thee, how to worship and serve thee aright. May we seek to make the places where we meet to worship thee worthy in every way of thy presence. Hallow them to us by such tender and precious associations that we shall be ashamed to defile them with selfish thoughts and purposes. Free us also, we pray thee, from any reluctance to profess openly our wish to follow the master, Jesus; and lead us, filled with thy good spirit, to follow him boldly in the full light of labor's busy day, as well as in the quiet hours of our church and home life. May our desire to serve thee, O God, through learning of Jesus and living like him, be so warm in our hearts that as with John, so with us, the question shall be ever present, How best can Christ be exalted as the true Saviour of the world? AMEN.

HYMN. "Onward and Upward." *

FRANCIS TURNER PALGRAVE. LEO R. LEWIS.



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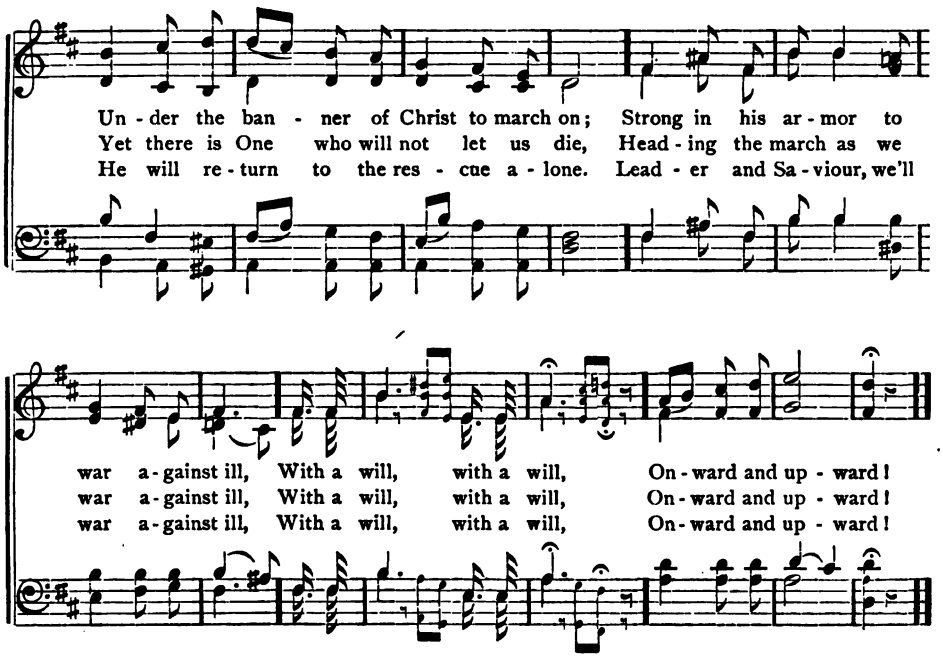
Un - der the ban - ner of Christ to march on; Strong in his ar - mor to
Yet there is One who will not let us die, Head - ing the march as we
He will re - turn to the res - cue a - lone. Lead - er and Sa - viour, we'll
war a - gainst ill, With a will, with a will, On - ward and up - ward!
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VIII.

Jesus at the Well.

RESPONSIVE READING.

WHITHER shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall overwhelm me, and the light about me shall be night;

Even the darkness hideth not from thee, but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

JESUS devoted the next six months after the passover to a mission through Judæa. So successful was this mission that the disciples of John the Baptist became jealous. But John did not share their feelings, and quickly allayed their jealousy by declaring that Jesus was the CHRIST, to prepare the people for whom he himself was teaching. . . . At the conclusion of his journey through Judæa, Jesus went home to Nazareth by way of Samaria.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

SO he cometh to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph: and Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. There cómeth a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. For his disciples were gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman therefore saith unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, who am a Samaritan woman? (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall ye worship the Father. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for such doth the Father seek to be his worshippers. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

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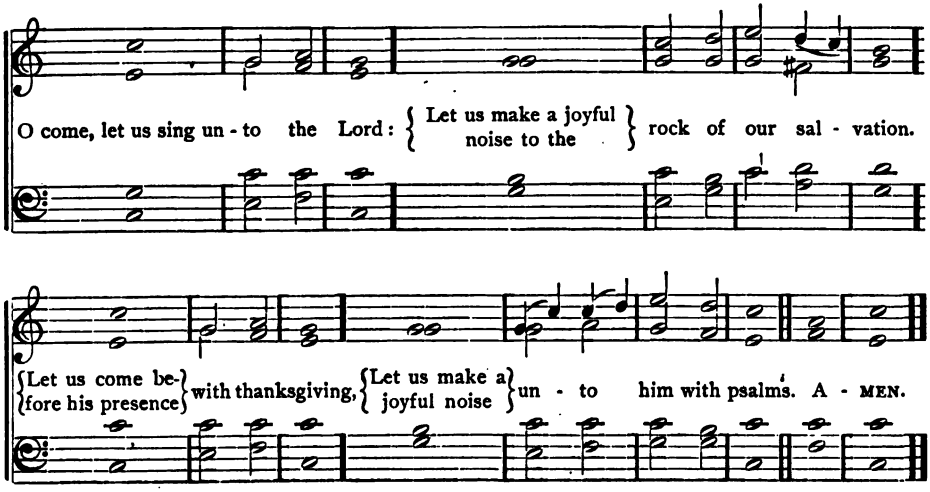


PRAYER.

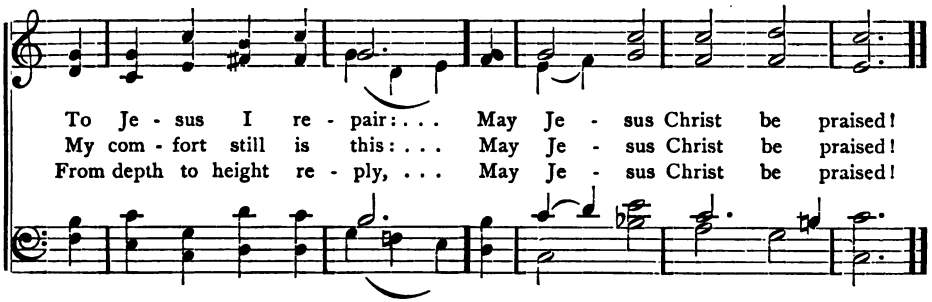
OUR Father who art in heaven, With hearts thirsting for the truth we come to thee. Give us, we pray thee, to drink of thy spirit. May it cause a well of living water to spring up in our souls whenever we are called upon to tread some dry and weary path of life. As Jesus, sitting by the wayside well, taught the woman of Samaria how to come to the fountain of thy spirit and drink, so may we teach those we meet in daily life. Teach us, O Father, and through us teach others how to worship thee in spirit and in truth. May we feel that thou dost seek such to worship thee, and only such, no matter of what race or church they are. While it may be easy to worship thee thus in the seclusion of our church, may we not find it difficult to draw nigh unto thee amidst the noise and bustle of daily life. And hasten the day, we pray thee, when thy children everywhere shall unite in thy true worship. In the name of him who is the way, the truth, and the life, we ask all. AMEN.

HYMN. "Laudes Domini."

REV. EDWARD CASWALL (abridged). JOSEPH BARNBY.

1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, . . . My heart a - wak - ing cries, ...
2. Doth sad - ness fill my mind, . . . A sol - ace here I find: . . . .
3. The night be - comes as day . . . . When from the heart we say, ...

May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer, . . .
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss, ...
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky . . . . .


To Je - sus I re - pair: . . . May Je - sus Christ be praised!
My com - fort still is this: . . . May Je - sus Christ be praised!
From depth to height re - ply, . . . May Je - sus Christ be praised!

IX.

The Return to Nazareth.

RESPONSIVE READING.

THE wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom like the rose.

It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

And the glowing sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water: in the habitation of jackals, where they lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

AFTER his conversation with the woman at Jacob's Well, Jesus came to his home in Nazareth. He had not hitherto appeared before his neighbors and friends in his office as the Christ. The following Sunday he announced his mission from the pulpit of his home synagogue.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND he entered, as his custom was, into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And he opened the book, and found the place where it was written,

> The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
> Because he anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor:
> He hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives,
> And recovering of sight to the blind,
> To set at liberty them that are bruised,
> To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down: and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, To-day hath this scripture been fulfilled in your ears. And they were all filled with wrath in the synagogue, as they heard these things; and they rose up, and cast him forth out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might throw him down headlong. But he passing through the midst of them went his way.

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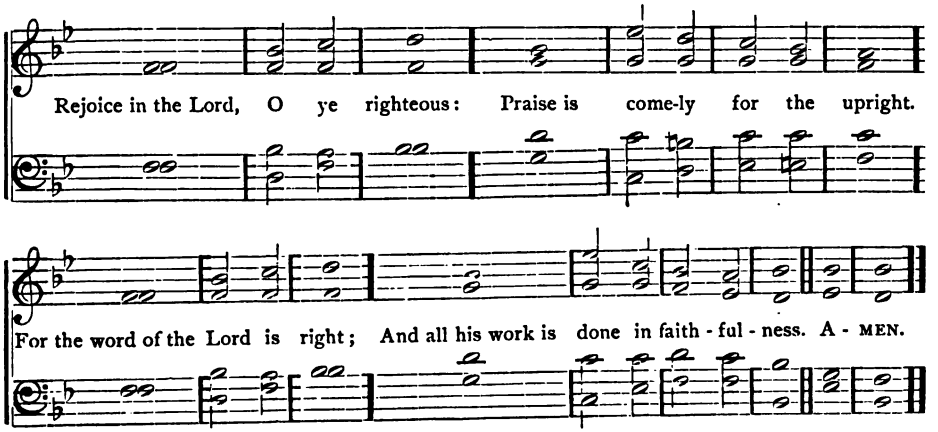
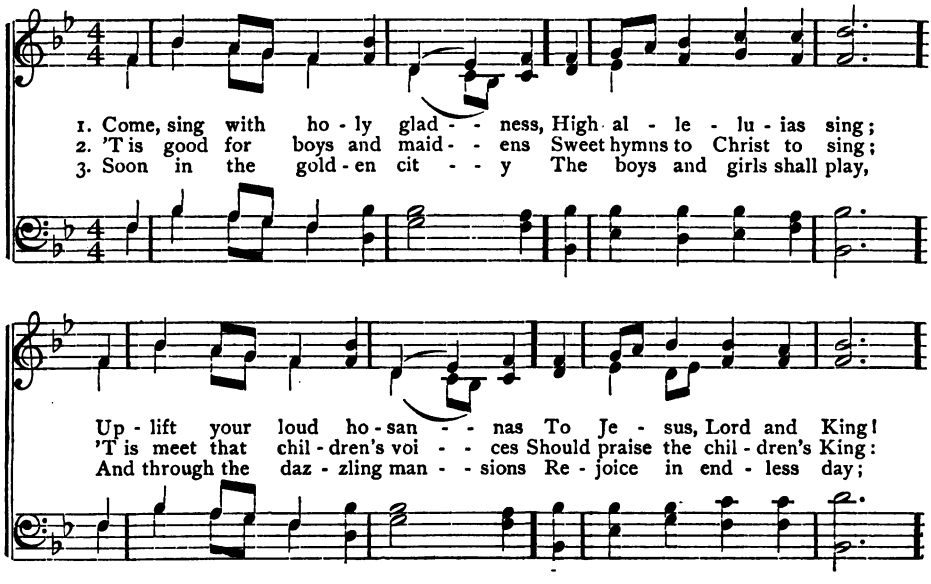


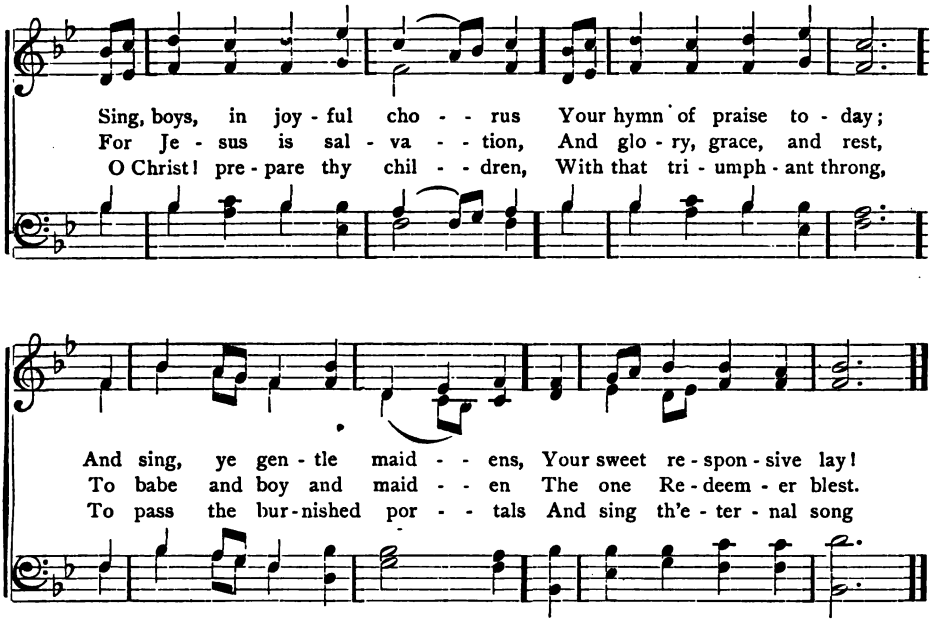
PRAYER.

THOU infinite Spirit, We thank thee for that love by which thou hast revealed thyself to thy children. Thou speakest to our understanding, but thou speakest also to our hearts, and we know thee as Father and Friend. Thou followest us evermore with thy love, and thou never forgettest us. We may trust that thou wilt be our strength in weakness, our joy in gladness, our hope in sorrow, and our sure refuge in every time of trouble. With what love hast thou given us a Saviour who is able to cure all infirmities and heal all diseases. Oh, may we be healed, through faith in him, of all moral disease, and made pure in heart. Through him may we forsake all sin, and learn the blessedness of purity. Forgetting the sorrowful past, may we look toward the brightening future. Rising from the ground of despair, may we set our faces toward the sky and go forward in the upward way of life; and at every step may we have the full consciousness that Jesus is our guide, and will at last lead us out of the wilderness into the Promised Land, where we shall dwell for evermore. AMEN.

HYMN. "Ellacombe."

GERMAN.





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X.

Jesus at Capernaum.

RESPONSIVE READING.

I SOUGHT the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

They looked unto him, and were lightened; and their faces shall never be confounded.

The righteous cried, and the Lord heard, and delivered them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants; and none of them that trust in him shall be condemned.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

THE unfavorable reception which his preaching met at Nazareth caused Jesus to make the city of Capernaum his home. On his way thither through Galilee, he stopped once more at Cana. Here a nobleman from Capernaum met him, with the request that his son, lying sick in that city, might be healed. The nobleman manifested so great faith that Jesus granted his request. At Capernaum, learning that Herod Antipas had arrested and imprisoned John the Baptist at Tiberias, eight miles south of Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples separate for a while, — probably to await a more favorable time to begin their work. Jesus goes to Jerusalem for his second passover. When he heals the helpless man at the Pool of Bethesda, the Pharisees charge him with breaking the Sabbath. He determines now to return to Capernaum, to recall his disciples, and openly to begin his work as the Christ.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

NOW after that John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe in the gospel.

And passing along by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea: for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they left the nets, and followed him. And going on a little further, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending the nets. And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after him.

And they go into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue and taught. And they were astonished at his teaching: for he taught them as having authority, and not as the scribes.

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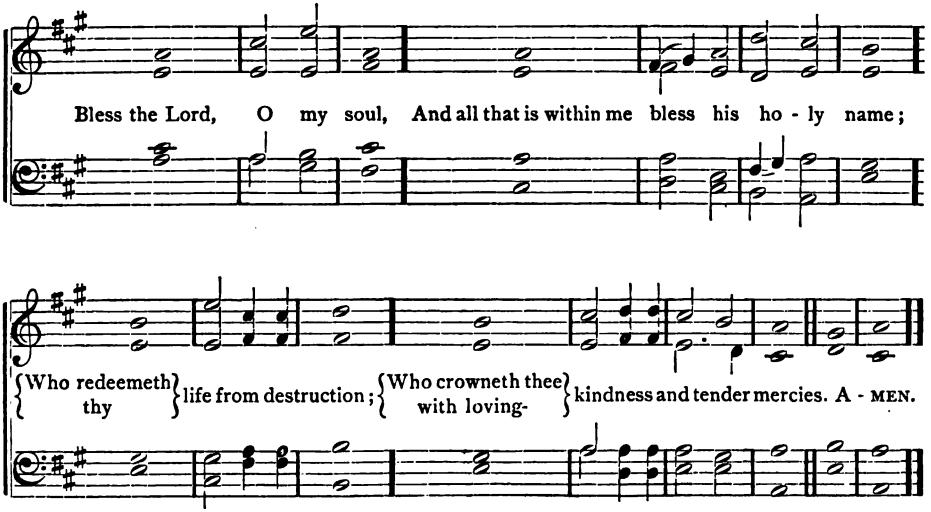

PRAYER.

O THOU who didst send Jesus and his chosen disciples out to win all to health, to happiness, and to thee, Prepare us, we pray thee, by our work and our study in this school for a like mission. As we journey through the coming days, may we be able to lead those whom we meet in the various walks of life, by word and example, to better and higher things. May they feel obliged to listen to what we have to say because, taught of thee, we have truth and a good life for our authority. O thou who art ceaselessly busy working out blessings for all, make us so like thyself that we shall never be idle in the service of our fellow-men. Straightway upon our going from this place may we seek to call the sorrowful to comfort, the sick to a cheerful bearing of their burdens, the weak to strength. In the name of the great teacher we ask all. AMEN.

HYMN. "Exhortation." *

DOROTHY ANN THRUPP. LEO R. LEWIS.

1. Come, Chris - tian chil - dren, come and raise Your voice with one ac - cord;
2. Sing of the won - ders of his truth, And read in ev' - ry page
3. Sing of the won - ders of his grace Who made and keeps you his,

Come sing in joy - ful songs of praise The glo - ries of your Lord.
The prom - ise made to ear - liest youth Ful - filled to lat - est age.
And guides you to th'ap - point - ed place At his right hand in bliss.

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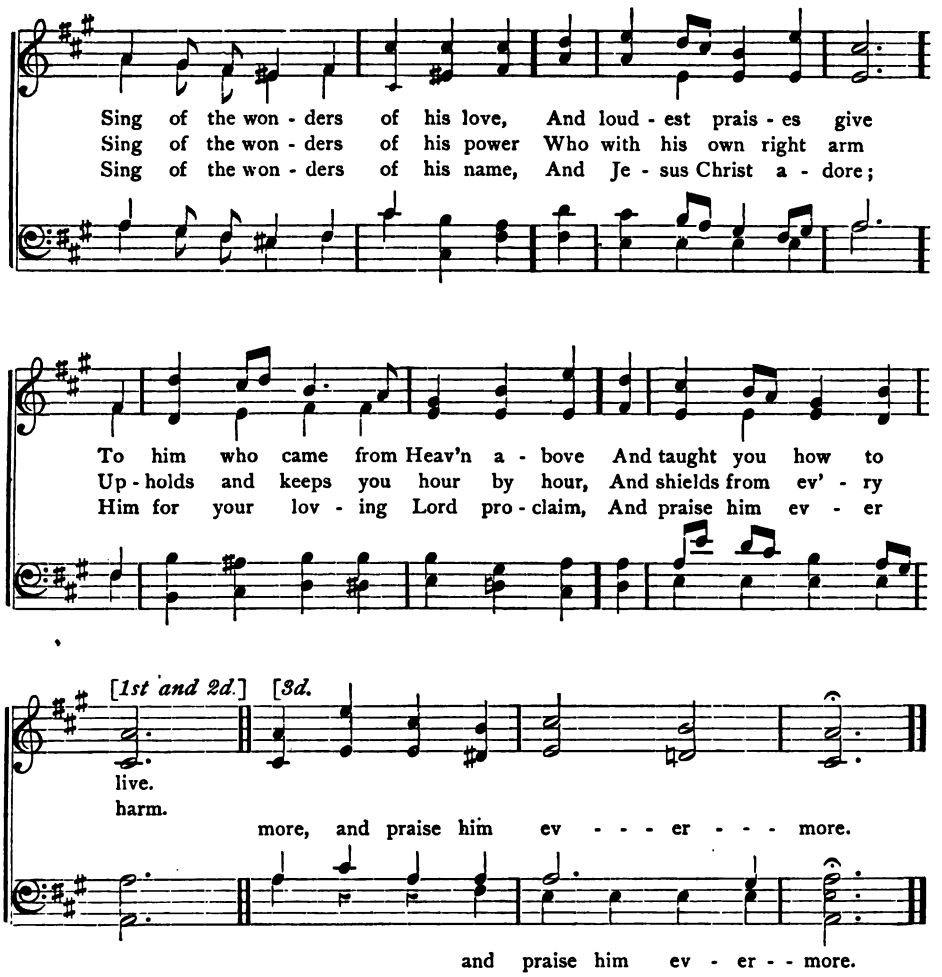
Sing of the won - ders of his love, And loud - est prais - es give
Sing of the won - ders of his power Who with his own right arm
Sing of the won - ders of his name, And Je - sus Christ a - dore;
To him who came from Heav'n a - bove And taught you how to
Up - holds and keeps you hour by hour, And shields from ev' - ry
Him for your lov - ing Lord pro - claim, And praise him ev - er
[1st and 2d.]
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live.
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more, and praise him ev - - - er - - - more.
and praise him ev - er - - more.

XI.

Healing at Capernaum.

RESPONSIVE READING.

GIVE ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation.

Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God; for unto thee do I pray.

O Lord, in the morning shalt thou hear my voice; in the morning will I order my prayer unto thee, and will keep watch.

As for me, in the multitude of thy lovingkindness will I come into thy house: in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

Let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice, let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them:

Let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

For thou wilt bless the righteous:

O Lord, thou wilt compass him with favour as with a shield.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

NOT long after Jesus had recalled his five disciples, he accepted an invitation to preach in the synagogue at Capernaum. At this service he healed an insane man who was interrupting his preaching. From the synagogue he went home with Peter, and healed Peter's wife's mother, and many others. Indeed, whenever Jesus was in Capernaum, he was beset by multitudes beseeching him to exercise that wonderful power of healing which he had now fully manifested.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND in the morning, a great while before day, he rose up and went out, and departed into a desert place, and there prayed. And Simon and they that were with him followed after him; and they found him, and say unto him, All are seeking thee. And he saith unto them, Let us go elsewhere into the next towns, that I may preach there also; for to this end came I forth. And he went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and casting out devils.

And when he entered again into Capernaum after some days, it was noised that he was in the house. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, no, not even about the door: and he spake the word unto them. And they come, bringing unto him a man sick of the palsy, borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the crowd, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed whereon the sick of the palsy lay. And Jesus seeing their faith saith unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins are forgiven. Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thy house. And he arose, and straightway took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

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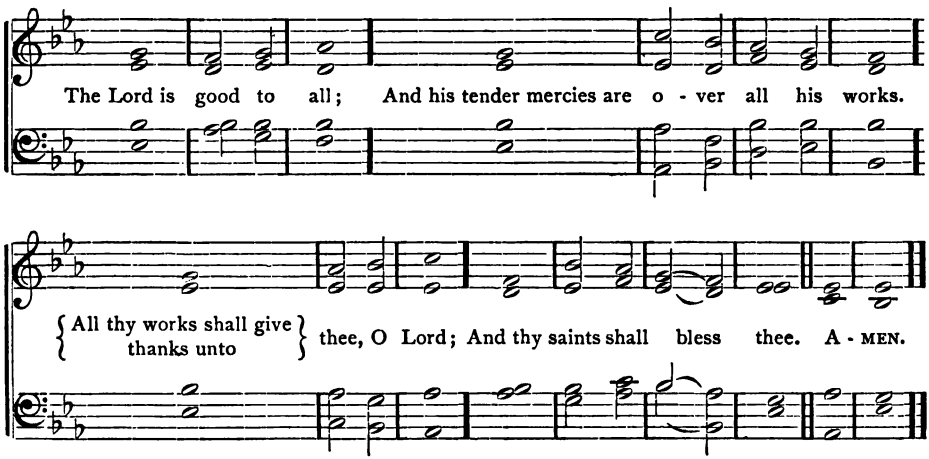
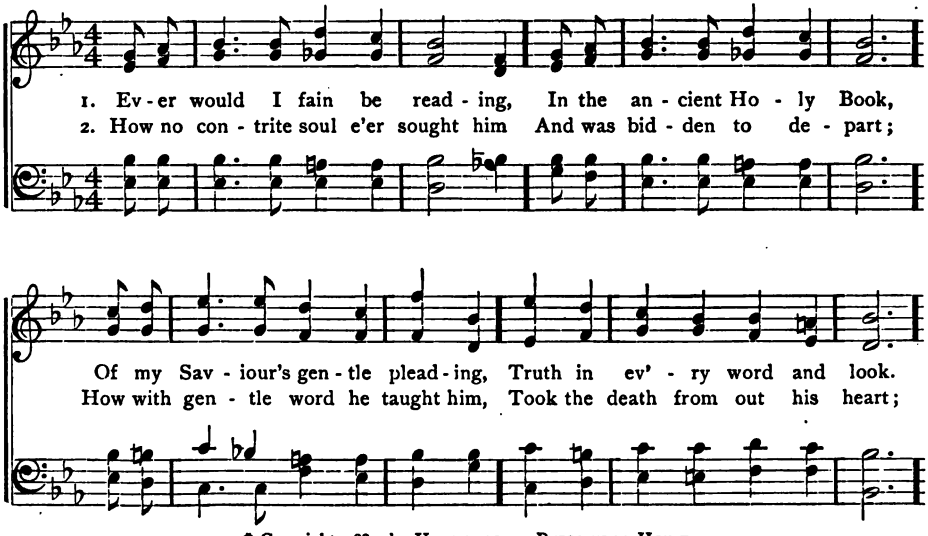


PRAYER.

O THOU infinite and almighty One, by whose power all things were created and are sustained; whose mighty energy is manifest in the movements of the heavenly bodies, the laws of Nature, and the revelations of thy Spirit; We rejoice that thou dost work in us to draw our souls to thee and to fashion us after thine own image. We thank thee also for the example of thy son, who came to the world as a worker, to help men in their weakness, and to restore them to health and strength. We rejoice in his power to help the helpless, and behold in it a pledge of his power to heal our spiritual diseases and to restore us to perfect soundness. We thank thee that to him no day nor place was too sacred for the exercise of his merciful kindness, that he regarded duty and humanity as above the traditions and commands of men. May his spirit rest upon us, filling us with sympathy for the sick, devotion to duty, and love toward all. AMEN.

HYMN. "Gospel." *

From the German of LUISE HENSEL, by MISS WINKWORTH. LEO R. LEWIS.



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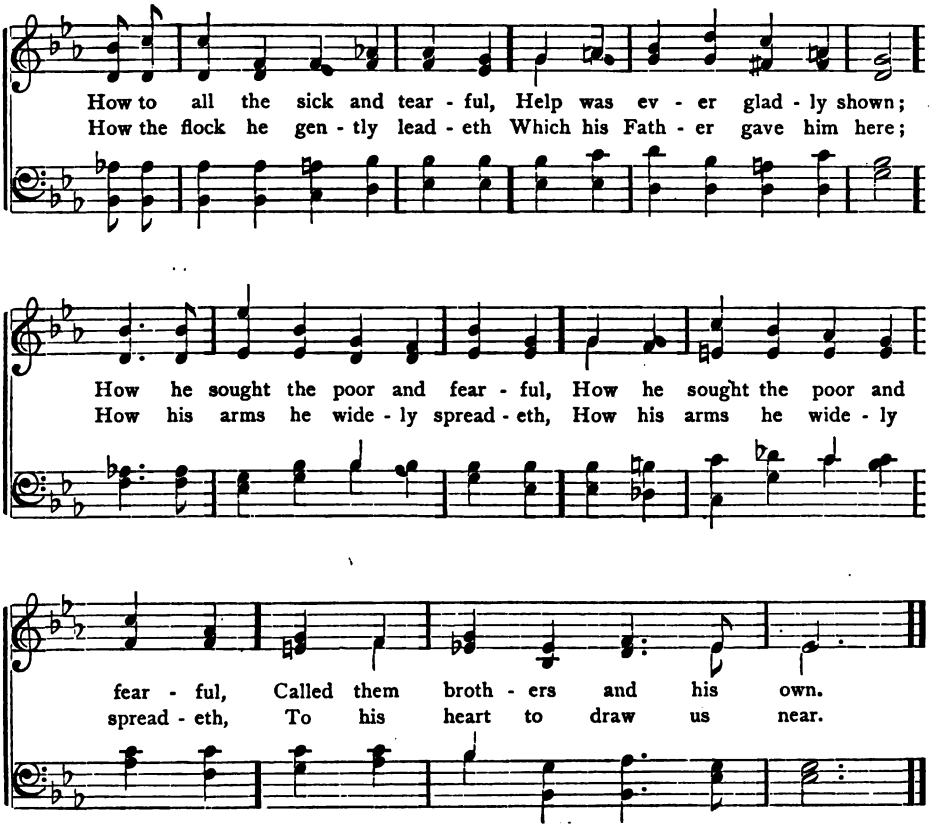
How to all the sick and tear - ful, Help was ev - er glad - ly shown;
How the flock he gen - tly lead - eth Which his Fath - er gave him here;
How he sought the poor and fear - ful, How he sought the poor and
How his arms he wide - ly spread - eth, How his arms he wide - ly
fear - ful, Called them broth - ers and his own.
spread - eth, To his heart to draw us near.

XII.

Jesus with the Publicans.

RESPONSIVE READING.

WHEN ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may be seen of men to fast.

Verily I say unto you, They have received their reward.

But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head, and wash thy face; that thou be not seen of men to fast, but of thy Father which is in secret:

And thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall recompense thee.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:

A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

OF the first mission of Jesus through the towns and cities of Galilee there is no event recorded except the healing of a leper. The cure in Capernaum of the man sick of the palsy drew about him an immense number of people from all parts of the country. Some of the Pharisees from Jerusalem were there as spies. One Sabbath during this time, while he and his disciples were going through a wheat-field, they, being hungry, took some of the wheat to eat. In answer to the charge of the Pharisees that they were breaking the Sabbath, Jesus replied: "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath."

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND as Jesus passed by from thence, he saw a man, called Matthew, sitting at the place of toll: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

And it came to pass, as he sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees

saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with the publicans and sinners? But when he heard it, he said, They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what this meaneth, I desire mercy, and not sacrifice: for I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

Then come to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them, Can the sons of the bride-chamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then will they fast.

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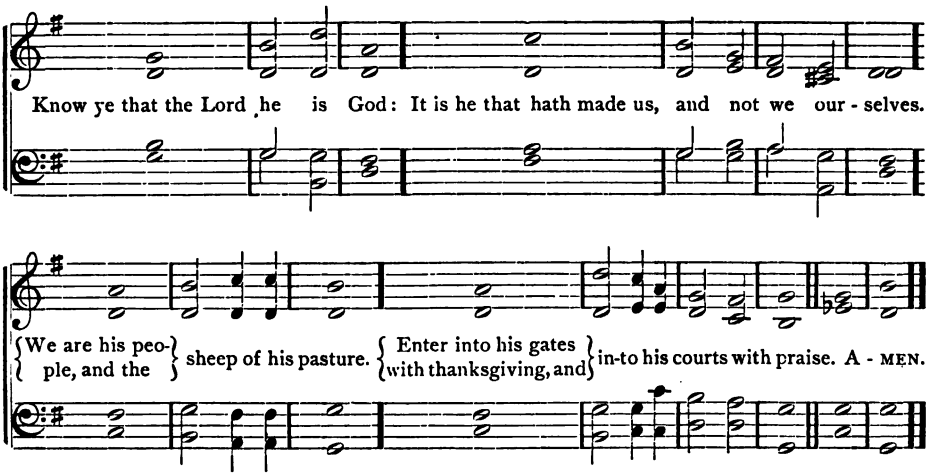

PRAYER.

HOLY and gracious Father, Bless us, we pray thee, as we come together to be taught of our master, Jesus. May we feel that he is calling upon us to follow him now, as he called upon his own disciples long ago. And may we arise and leave all that keeps us from being good and doing right, and follow him wherever he may lead. O place within our hearts his pure and kindly spirit, that the rough and sinful we meet in the world may not harm us. And free us, we pray, from all manner of deceit. May we be enabled to show to others that in

order to be truly religious it is not necessary to be sad or to deprive ourselves of anything that is good for us. May we be ever ready to weep with those that weep, as well as to rejoice with those that rejoice. To the house of feasting may we bear a cheerful face; to the place of mourning may we go with words of comfort and hope. So bless us, and others through us, until all shall know thee as thou art. AMEN.

HYMN. "Dykes." *

LEO R. LEWIS.

1. The Mas - ter hath come, and he calls us to fol - low
2. The Mas - ter hath called us: the road may be drear - y,
3. The Mas - ter hath called us: tho' doubt and temp - ta - tion

The track of the foot - prints he leaves on our way;
And dan - gers and sor - rows be strewn on the track;
May com - pass our jour - ney, we cheer - ful - ly sing,

Far o - ver the moun - tain and thro' the deep hol - low,
But God's Ho - ly Spir - it shall com - fort the wear - y,—
"Press on - ward, look up - ward;" thro' much trib - u - la - tion

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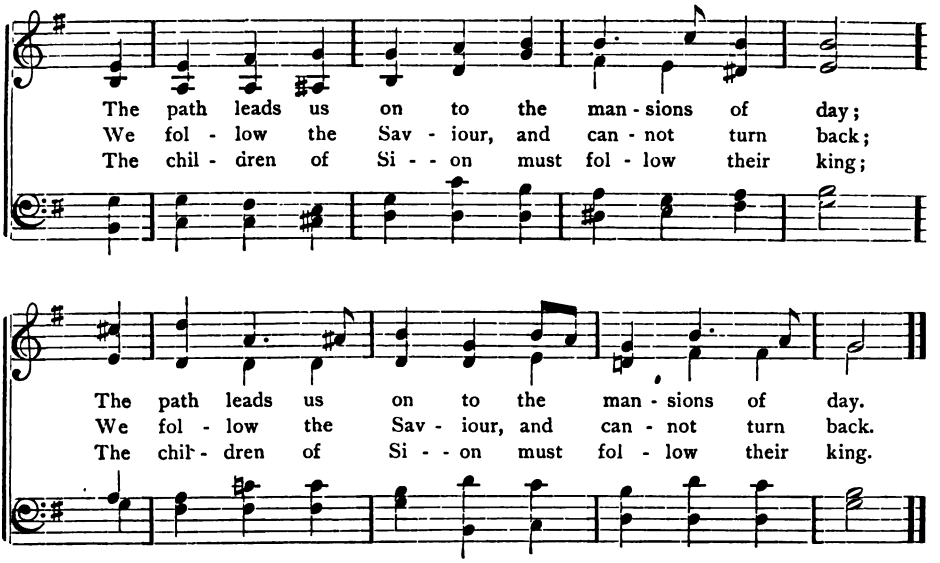
The path leads us on to the man - sions of day;
We fol - low the Sav - iour, and can - not turn back;
The chil - dren of Si - - on must fol - low their king;
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We fol - low the Sav - iour, and can - not turn back.
The chil - dren of Si - - on must fol - low their king.

XIII.

The Sermon on the Mount.

RESPONSIVE READING.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

Bless the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all ye his works, in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

AFTER Matthew had been called to be one of the disciples, he made a feast in honor of Jesus. From this feast Jesus was summoned to call the dead daughter of Jairus back to life. Soon afterward he went across the lake and among the mountains in Herod Philip's dominion. Here he formally selected his twelve disciples, and gave them the Sermon on the Mount. . . . . The names of the twelve were Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the less, Simon the zealot, Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND seeing the multitudes, he went up into the mountain: and when he had sat down, his disciples came unto him: and he opened his mouth and taught them, saying,

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets who were before you.

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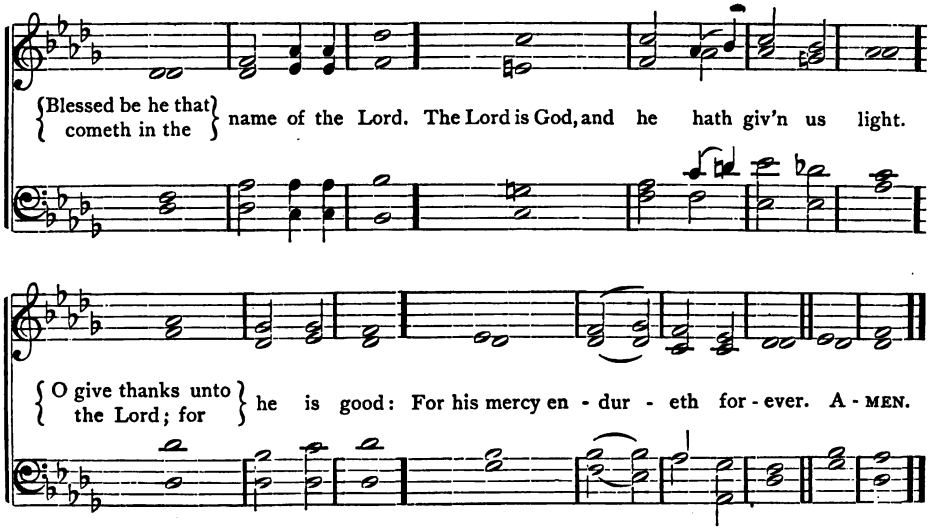

PRAYER.

HOLY and ever-blessed Father, We thank thee for the words of Jesus. In them thy voice is ever speaking to thy children. We bless thee that that voice teaches us to love goodness and mercy and forgiveness and truth. We thank thee for our Sunday-school; that by it we can come unto the Master as did the disciples of old. At every service may it seem to us that we are gathering about him to be taught of thy will and thy way. Give us of thy spirit, that day by day we may obtain the blessings he promised to the pure in heart and the good in life. May our faith in thee and in thy protecting power be so firm, and our fidelity to the teachings of Jesus so great, that we shall not fall when storms of trouble and pain beat upon us. Be thou, our Father, the rock of our faith. Looking to Jesus as our guide, we ask all. AMEN.

HYMN. "Lee." *

WILLIAM H. BURLEIGH. LEO R. LEWIS.

1. They who have kept their spir - it's vir - gin white - ness
2. They shall see God! Oh glo - ri - ous fru - i - tion
3. So when the meas - ure of their faith is met - ed,

Un - dimm'd by fol - ly and un - stain'd by sin,
Of all their hopes and long - ings here be - low!
And an - gels beck - on to their courts on high,

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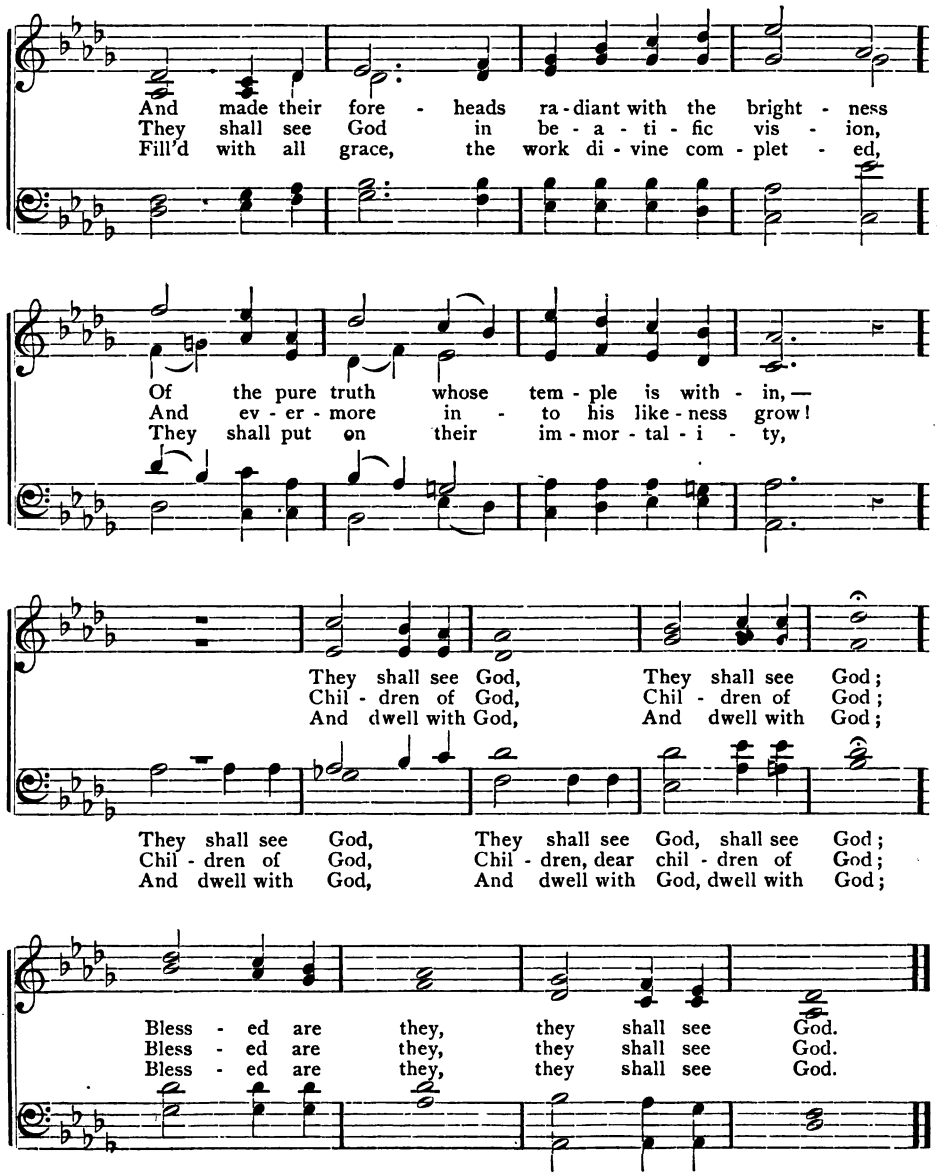
And made their fore - heads ra - diant with the bright - ness
They shall see God in be - a - ti - fic vis - ion,
Fill'd with all grace, the work di - vine com - plet - ed,
Of the pure truth whose tem - ple is with - in, —
And ev - er - more in - to his like - ness grow!
They shall put on their im - mor - tal - i - ty,
They shall see God, They shall see God;
Chil - dren of God, Chil - dren of God;
And dwell with God, And dwell with God;
They shall see God, They shall see God, shall see God;
Chil - dren of God, Chil - dren, dear chil - dren of God;
And dwell with God, And dwell with God, dwell with God;
Bless - ed are they, they shall see God.
Bless - ed are they, they shall see God.
Bless - ed are they, they shall see God.

XIV.

Jesus at Nain.

RESPONSIVE READING.

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the meek shall hear thereof, and be glad.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be condemned.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

FROM teaching his disciples on the mount, Jesus went to Nain, a city twenty-five miles southwest of Capernaum, and five miles from Nazareth. Here he raised the widow's son. Here also he received a deputation from the imprisoned John, asking if he was the Messiah. He pointed John's disciples to his works as proof of his Messiahship.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he entered into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat. And behold, a woman who was in the city, a sinner; and when she knew that he was sitting at meat in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster cruse of ointment, and standing behind at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with

the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have perceived who and what manner of woman this is which toucheth him, that she is a sinner. And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. A certain lender had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. When they had not wherewith to pay, he forgave them both. Which of them therefore will love him most? Simon answered and said, He, I suppose, to whom he forgave the most.

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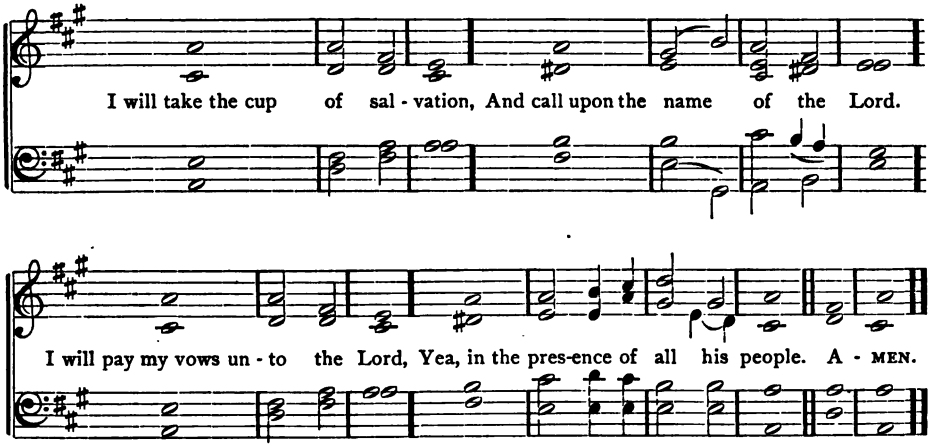


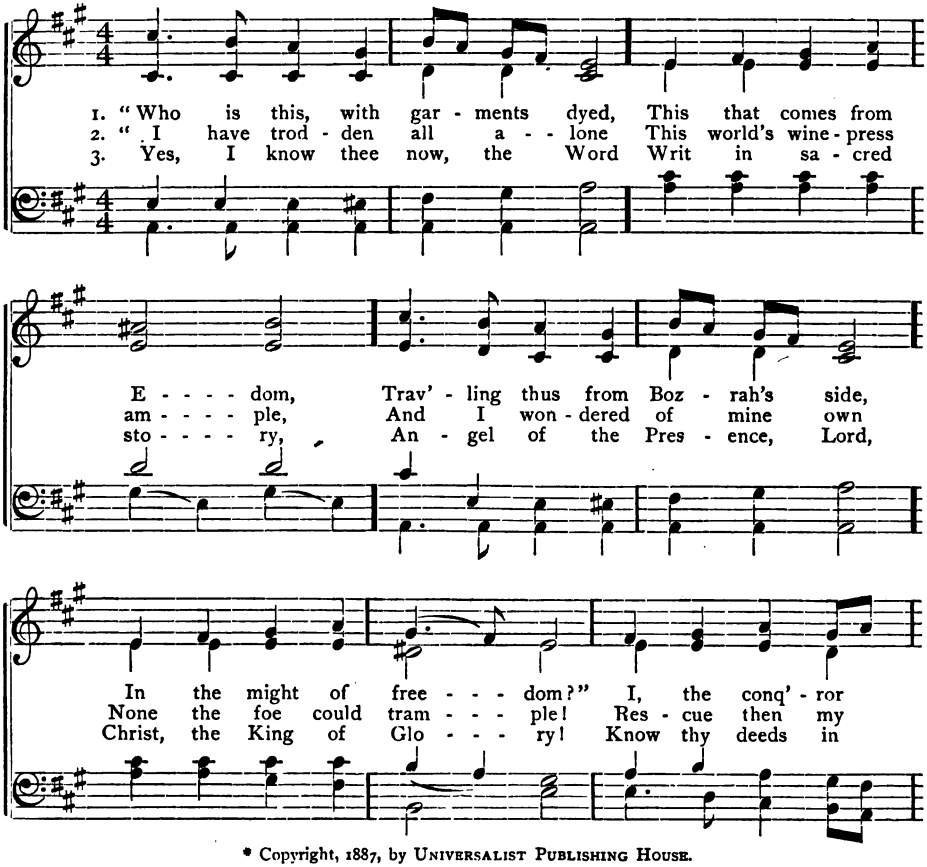
PRAYER.

O FATHER divine, Thee we worship, and before thee we bow down our souls. Conscious of our feebleness, our ignorance, our imperfections, we come to thee for strength and wisdom and help, that we may live aright. We thank thee that thou hast revealed thyself to us in all the Bible as a loving and a merciful Father; that thy tender mercies are over all thy works; that when we are in trouble or have done wrong, we need not fear to turn to thee, for thy mercy endureth forever. But we thank thee most of all for the revelation of thy gentle and forgiving spirit in Jesus. O Father, open our eyes, we pray thee, to all that we are doing that is

wrong in thy sight and harmful to ourselves. Turn us to thee in sincere repentance; and as we ask thee to forgive us our sins against thee, may we learn the lesson of forgiveness toward all who have sinned against us. O may we forgive as we would like to be forgiven. And as gratitude to thee for thy love and mercy fills our hearts, may the Saviour's spirit of charity rule all our actions toward one another. AMEN.

HYMN. "The Mighty One to Save." *

REV. EDWARD A. DAYMAN (abridged). LEO R. LEWIS.



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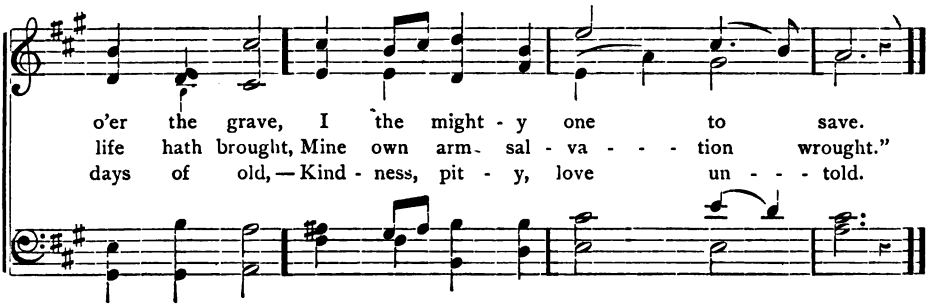
o'er the grave, I the might - y one to save.
life hath brought, Mine own arm - sal - va - - - tion wrought."
days of old, — Kind - ness, pit - y, love un - - - told.

XV.

Stilling the Tempest.

RESPONSIVE READING.

THEY that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul melteth away because of trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

FROM Nain Jesus returned to Capernaum. Such numbers of people assembled to listen to him that he took a boat, and, moving a little way from the shore, spoke to the multitude. At this time he gave the following parables: The Sower and the Seed, The Grain of Mustard-Seed, The Wheat and the Tares, The Hidden Treasure, The Pearl of Great Price, and The Net.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND on that day, when even was come, he saith unto them, Let us go over unto the other side. And leaving the multitude, they take him with them, even as he was, in the boat. And other boats were with him. And there ariseth a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the boat, insomuch that the boat was now filling. And he himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he awoke, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye fearful? have ye not yet faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

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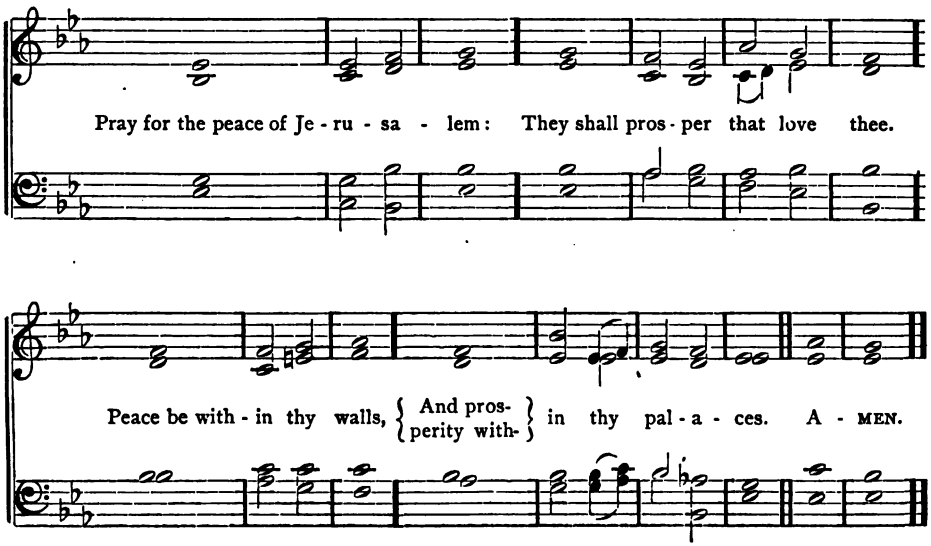
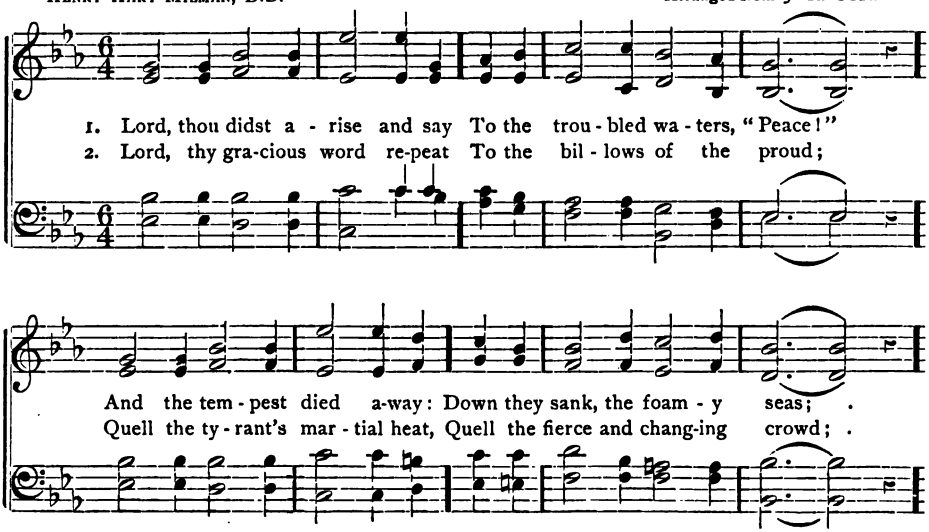


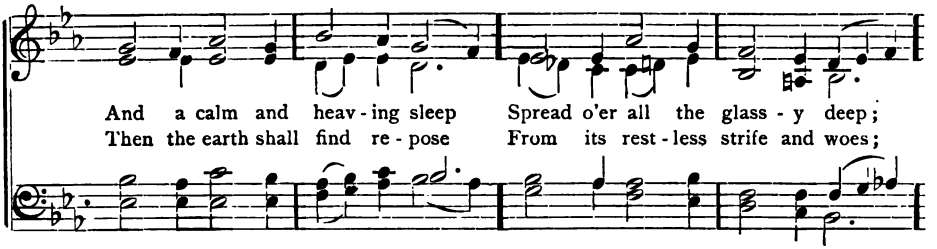
PRAYER.

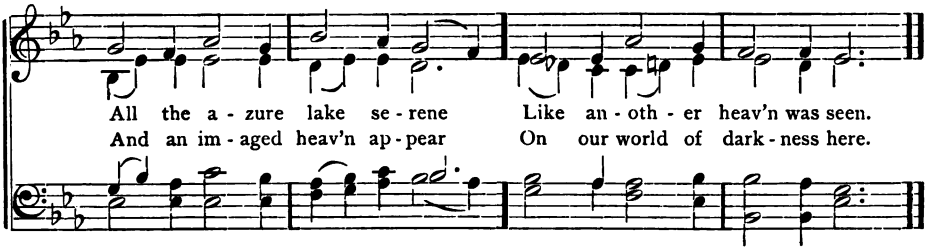
OUR Father who art in heaven, We adore thee for that compassionate love which thou didst manifest to the world through Jesus, the Christ; that thou didst send him to be king in the realm of the spirit, and to make the way plain by which that kingship is achieved. We thank thee that in spirit and in will thou and he were one. In the power of this perfect union with "his Father and our Father, with his God and our God," was he enabled to speak peace to his disciples, distressed and toiling on the stormy sea; to cure all the hurts of soul and body in the thronging multitude which pressed to touch the hem of his garment; to impart his own good cheer to their anxious and sorrowful hearts. We pray that we may find that sure union with thee which shall make it possible for us, in all times of cloud or storm, to hear a divine voice assuring us of near and sympathetic help. And may thy peace so invest us that we shall come into fellowship with his victorious spirit who "for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame." AMEN.

HYMN. "Tiberias."

HENRY HART MILMAN, D.D. Arranged from J. R. OGDEN.




And a calm and heav - ing sleep Spread o'er all the glass - y deep;
Then the earth shall find re - pose From its rest - less strife and woes;


All the a - zure lake se - rene Like an - oth - er heav'n was seen.
And an im - aged heav'n ap - pear On our world of dark - ness here.

XVI.

The Disciples sent Forth.

RESPONSIVE READING.

SO teach us to number our days, that we may get us an heart of wisdom.

Return, O Lord; how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

O satisfy us in the morning with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory upon their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

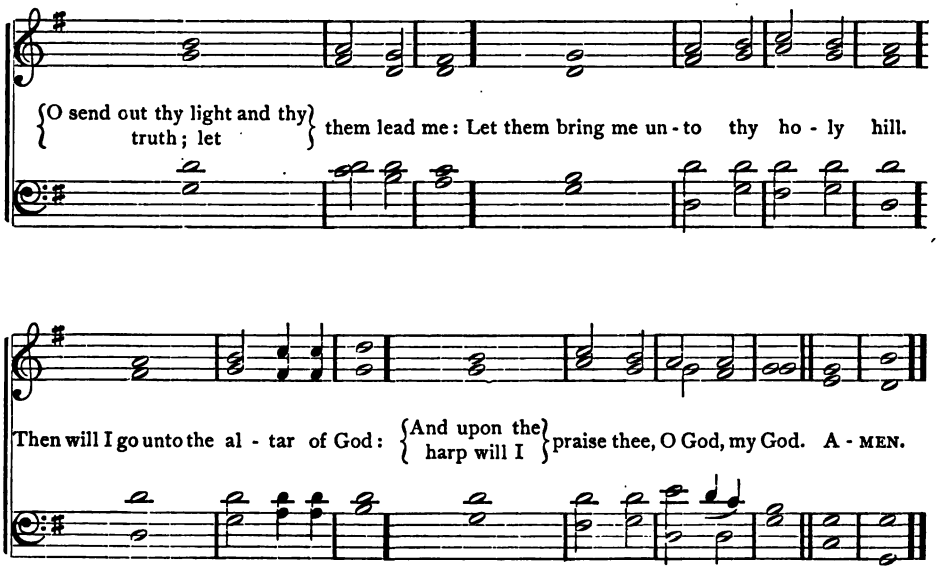
SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

AFTER stilling the tempest Jesus landed at Gadara, on the eastern shore of Gennesaret. Here he healed the demoniac, and here also occurred the incident of the drowning of the swine. Besought by the people to leave their country, he returned to Capernaum, and for the second and last time went to his old home at Nazareth. The people there heard him with astonishment, but he could do no great work because of their unbelief. He now sent out his disciples on a mission, while he himself went through the surrounding country teaching and healing.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND Jesus called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and he gave them authority over the unclean spirits; and he charged them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no bread, no wallet, no money in their purse; but to go shod with sandals: and, said he, put not on two coats. And he said unto them, Wheresoever ye enter into a house, there abide till ye depart thence. And whatsoever place shall not receive you, and they hear you not, as ye go forth thence, shake off the dust that is under your feet for a testimony unto them. And they went out, and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

CHANT.

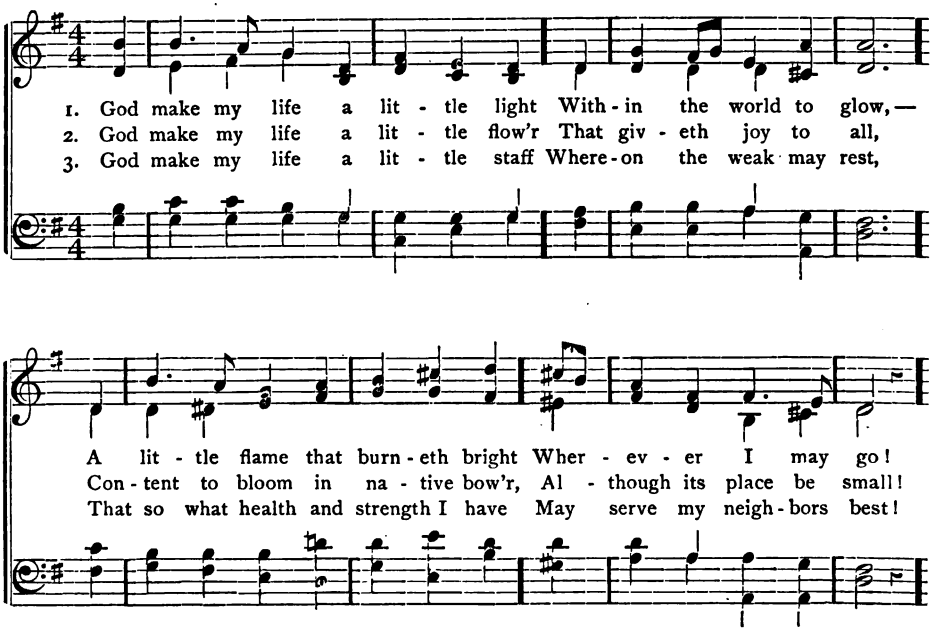


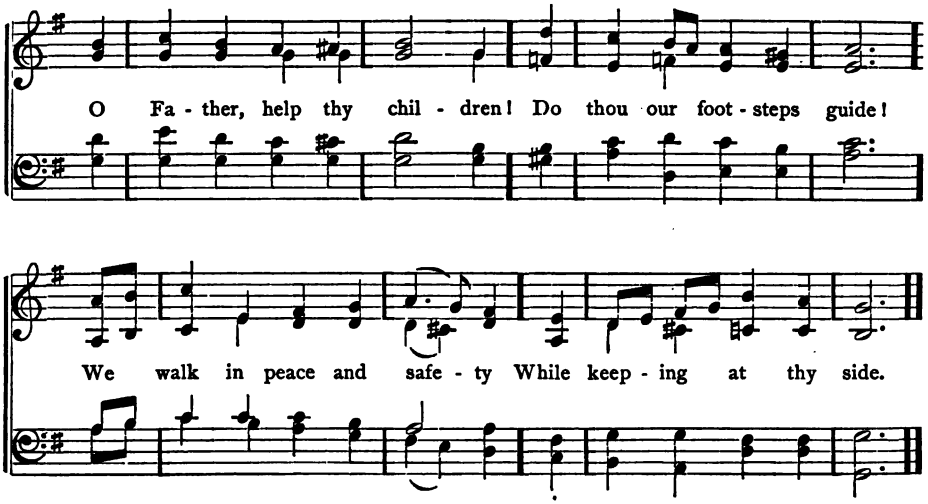
PRAYER.

ETERNAL One, Inspirer of good, Impart to us thine own life. May the mind that was in Christ be in us. As he gave power of old to his disciples to overcome the evil of the world, to tread upon hatred, lies, envies; as he enabled his chosen ones to be true men in the midst of a generation of unbelievers, — so may we live now by his grace and power. May we strive to do what may be for the Right, — for justice, temperance, mercy, — that the mission of Jesus may be wrought out by us as it was by his faithful disciples of old, and brought into actual fulfilment. Help us each to do what we may to make ourselves and the world better. Help us to believe that the Right is both better and stronger than the Wrong. Forgive us, quicken us, lead us, and finally receive us. AMEN.

HYMN. "Lucella."

EMMA LAMBERT.





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XVII.

Feeding the Multitude.

RESPONSIVE READING.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the adversary;

And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

They wandered in the wilderness in a desert way; they found no city of habitation.

Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

WHEN they had finished their mission the disciples all met Jesus at Capernaum. Here the terrible news came to them that Herod Antipas had beheaded John the Baptist. But the wonderful works of Jesus had come to the notice of Herod; and he thought that Jesus was John come to life again. To avoid Antipas, Jesus went across the lake into Herod Philip's dominion. A great multitude on their way to the passover followed him.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

NOW Jesus withdrew from thence in a boat, to a desert place apart: and when the multitudes heard thereof, they followed him on foot from the cities. And he came forth, and saw a great multitude, and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. And when even was come, the disciples came to him, saying, The place is desert, and the time is already past; send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves food. But Jesus said unto them, They have no need to go away; give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. And he said, Bring them hither to me. And he commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass; and he took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples to the multitudes. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up that which remained over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And they that did eat were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

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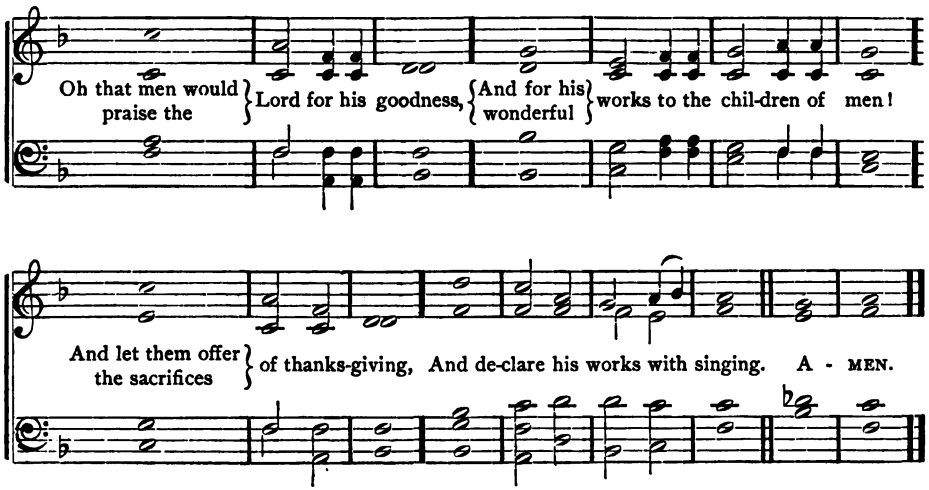
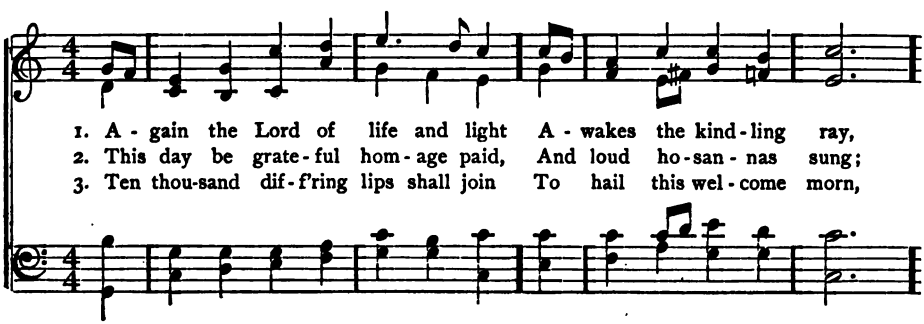


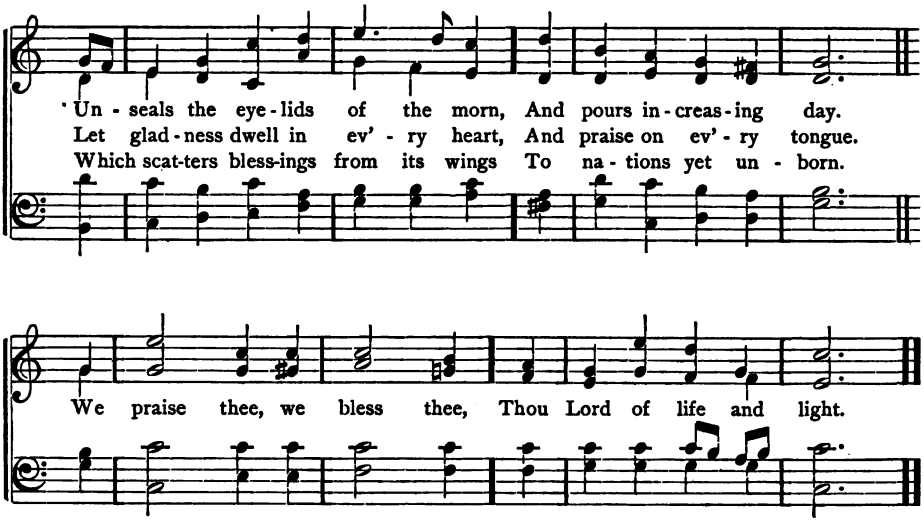
PRAYER.

MOST merciful God and gracious Father, We thank thee for the gospel of thy Son, and for the simple and impressive manner in which he taught to the listening multitudes its lessons of justice, love, and humility. We would draw nigh to thee in prayer, not alone of the lips, but of the heart; believing that thou knowest what we have need of, and wilt answer in the language of the spirit. We thank thee for the assurance that thou art more willing to give than we are to receive thy gracious blessings. Help us to remember this and to turn from our sins, knowing that thou wilt pardon us and raise us to the blessedness of thine ineffable life. Holy Father, deliver us from all self-righteousness; help us to bow before thee in humility, and to remember others in our petitions for thy gracious gifts. Teach us not to boast of our good works, nor to exalt ourselves above others, but to remember our unworthiness, and to implore thy merciful forgiveness. Thou lovest the humble and contrite soul. May we obey the word and example of him who taught us the lessons of love and trust in the simplicity of the parables, and whom by his obedience thou hast exalted at thy right hand forever more. AMEN.

HYMN. "Lord of Light."

ANNA L. BARBAULD. MARSCHNER.





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XVIII.

Jesus in Foreign Lands.

RESPONSIVE READING.

BEHOLD, my servant whom I have chosen; my beloved in whom my soul is well pleased:

I will put my Spirit upon him, and he shall declare judgment to the Gentiles.

He shall not strive, nor cry aloud;

Neither shall any one hear his voice in the streets.

A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.

And in his name shall the Gentiles hope.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

IN their wonder and gratitude at what Jesus had done for them, the multitude tried to make him king. But he withdrew from them into a mountain to pray. Toward morning he perceived that his disciples, whom he had sent across the lake the evening before, were still rowing against a contrary wind. Jesus went to their boat, walking upon the water. The sea became calm, and the boat soon reached the shore below Capernaum. Again another great multitude gathered about him; and to avoid them, Jesus now took his only journey beyond the limits of Palestine.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND from thence he arose, and went away into the borders of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered into a house, and would have no man know it: and he could not be hid. But straightway a woman, whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, having heard of him, came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Greek, a Syrophœnician by race. And she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter. And he said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs. But she answered and saith unto him, Yea, Lord: even the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter. And she went away unto her house, and found the child laid upon the bed, and the demon gone out.

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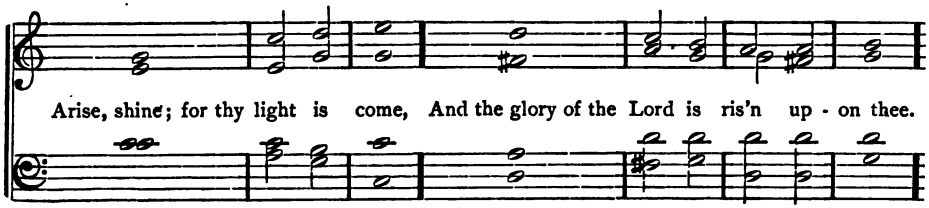
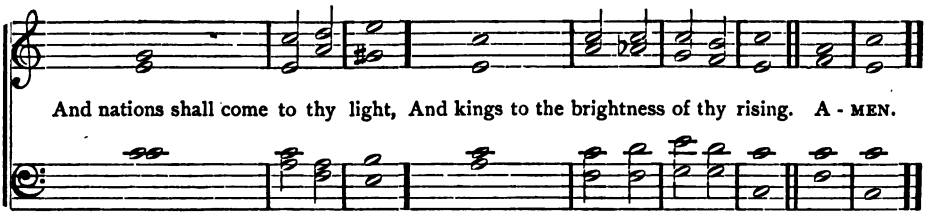


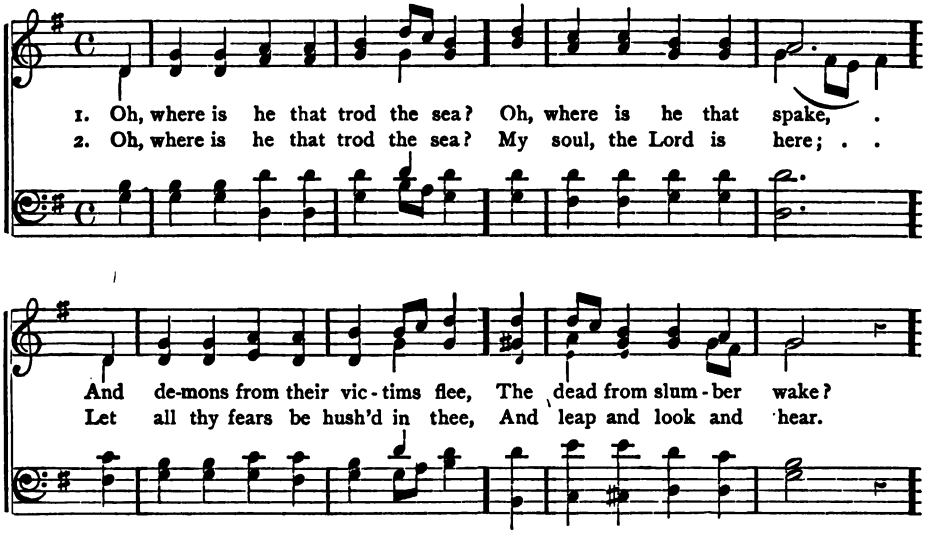


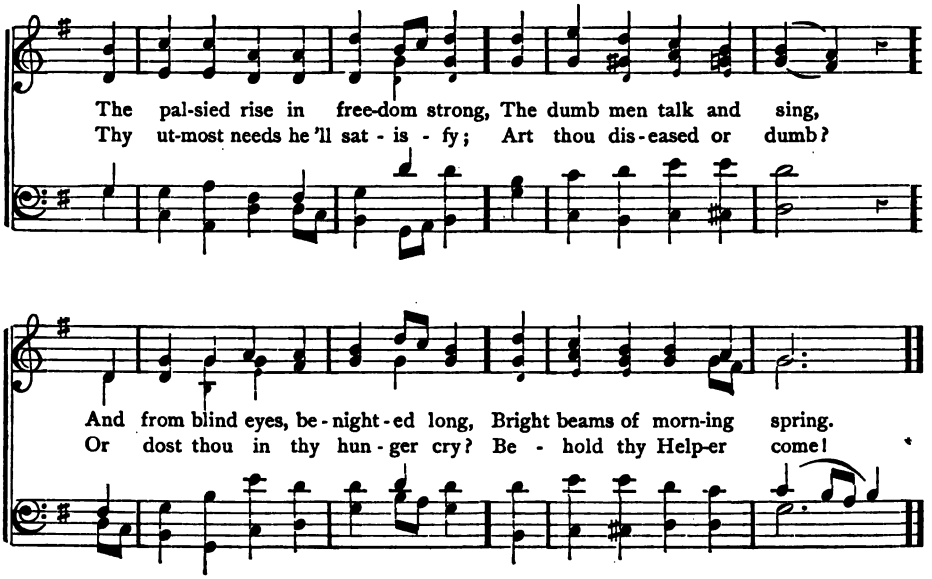
PRAYER.

THOU infinite Presence, We come to thee in the spirit of him who went about doing good. We bless thee for his grand and noble life, and that through it such helpful influence has come to humanity. We rejoice that the work of the Master was not confined to the Jews or those who dwelt around the holy city. We thank thee that he heard the earnest pleading of that woman of another nation, who had faith that he could heal her daughter. And we pray that his spirit may be in our hearts, and inspire us to do good to all men. May we in our daily lives seek to build up the kingdom of God in the earth. May we aid in extending the principles of the gospel to all who sit in darkness or the shadow of death. May this school follow the Master into that field of toil where each may find some Christian service to render. And when the earthly work shall be over, the days of toil finished in the Church below, may one and all find abundant entrance into the heavenly kingdom, where Christ will be the living head and teacher. AMEN.

HYMN. "Behold thy Helper."

THOMAS T. LYNCH. GIORNIVICHI.




The pal-sied rise in free-dom strong, The dumb men talk and sing,
Thy ut-most needs he 'll sat - is - fy; Art thou dis-eased or dumb?
And from blind eyes, be - night - ed long, Bright beams of morn-ing spring.
Or dost thou in thy hun - ger cry? Be - hold thy Help-er come!

XIX.

The Transfiguration.

RESPONSIVE READING.

THE earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? and who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, and hath not sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive a blessing from the Lord,

And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

LEAVING Tyre, Jesus went northward to Sidon, and thence across the mountains of Lebanon to Decapolis, a group of ten cities to the east of Gennesaret. In the course of his teaching and preaching here, he healed a deaf mute and fed another multitude of four thousand. Then with his disciples he crossed the lake to Dalmanutha, a region south of Capernaum. On the way he warned his disciples to avoid the leaven of the Pharisees. When another great multitude thronged about him, he took a boat and went northward to Bethsaida Philip. It was here that the healing of the blind man took place. On the way from this place to Cæsarea Philippi he asked

his disciples who the people thought he was. They answered that some said he was John the Baptist, others Elijah, and others one of the prophets. But Peter said to him, "Thou art Christ, the son of the Living God."

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them: and his garments became glistering, exceeding white; so as no fuller on earth can whiten them. And there appeared unto them Elijah with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter answereth and saith to Jesus, Rabbi, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah. For he wist not what to answer; for they became sore afraid. And there came a cloud overshadowing them: and there came a voice out of the cloud, This is my beloved Son: hear ye him. And suddenly looking round about, they saw no one any more, save Jesus only with themselves.

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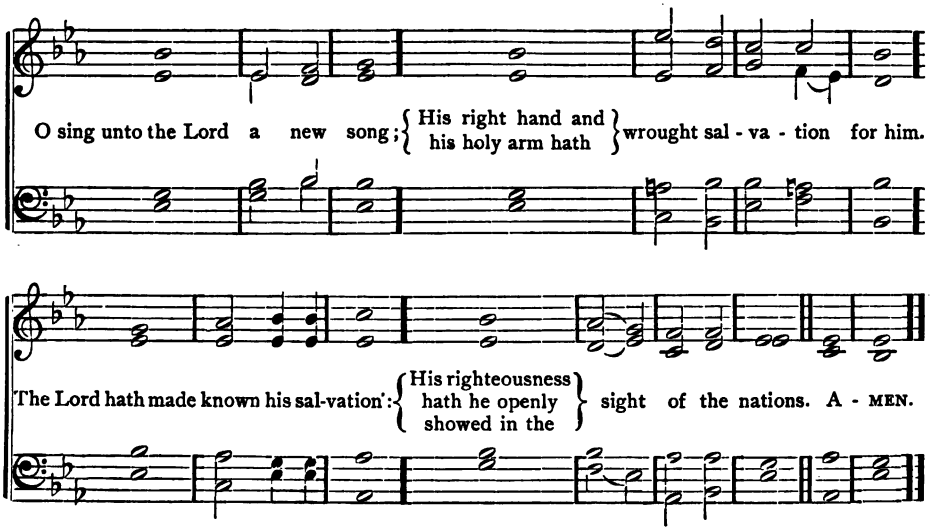
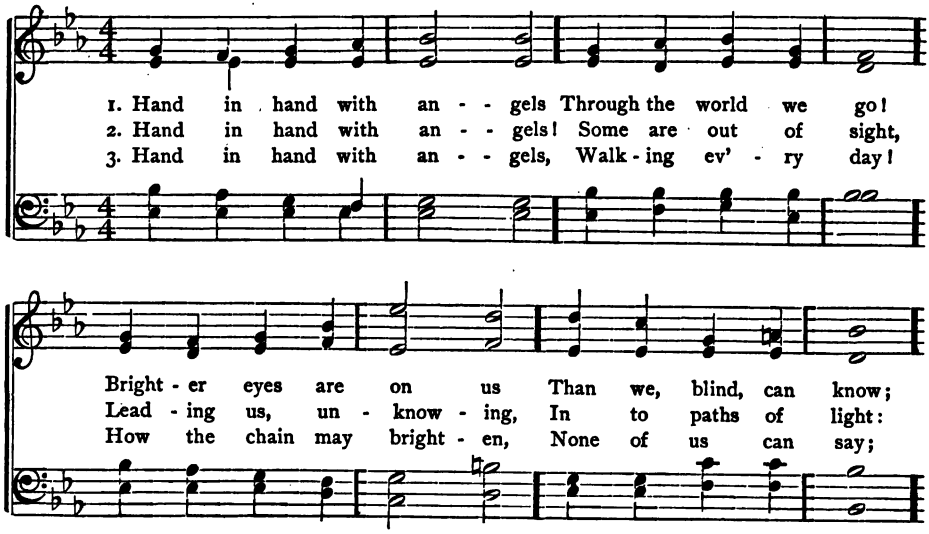


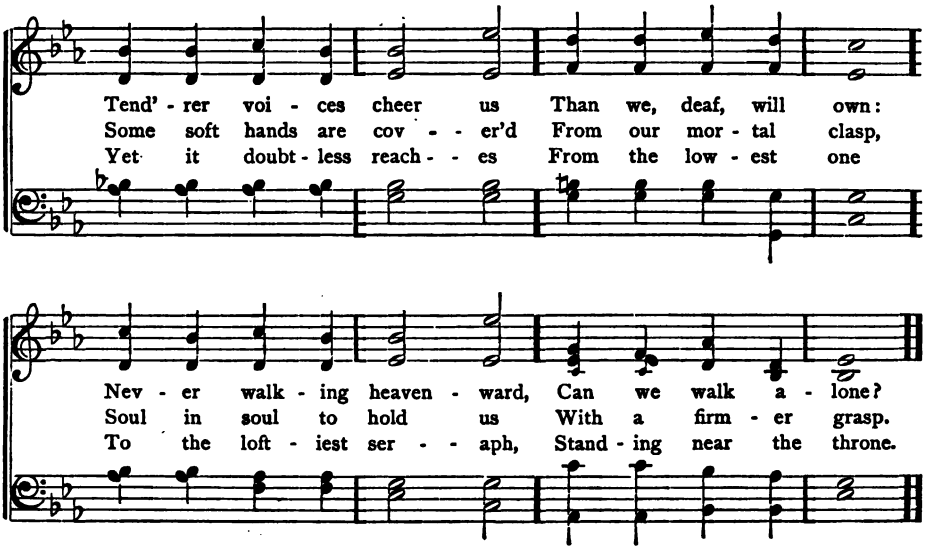
PRAYER.

O THOU eternal and ever-present Spirit of Love and Truth, In answer to the call of Jesus we would worship thee in spirit and in truth. Though thou hast framed our bodies of the dust of the earth, yet thou hast given us of thine immortal spirit, so that we are living souls; and though by our bodies we are joined to earth and things of time and sense, yet by our souls we are thy children, and may dwell in the world of spirit. We rejoice that the two worlds — the world of the earthly life and the world of the heavenly life — are not far apart. We thank thee for the faith that looks onward into that bright world, and for the assurance, given to us by the experience of Jesus and his disciples, that help and comfort come to us in time of need from thence. We look forward to the time when, after the refining and educating experience of this life, we shall reach there our final home. O thou who art ruler in that world and in this, help us to live day by day worthy of the companionship of those who dwell in that blest land; for thus shall we be better prepared to follow thither Jesus and our vanished friends. AMEN.

HYMN. "Hand in Hand with Angels."

From "THE GLORIA."




Tend' - rer voi - ces cheer us Than we, deaf, will own:
Some soft hands are cov - - er'd From our mor - tal clasp,
Yet it doubt - less reach - - es From the low - est one
Nev - er walk - ing heaven - ward, Can we walk a - lone?
Soul in soul to hold us With a firm - er grasp.
To the loft - iest ser - - aph, Stand - ing near the throne.

XX.

Rebuking Enviousness.

RESPONSIVE READING.

HAVE this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Who, being in the form of God, counted it not a prize to be on an equality with God;

But made himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men;

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross.

Wherefore also God highly exalted him, and gave unto him the name which is above every name;

That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

ON the way to Capernaum from the Mount of Transfiguration Jesus healed a boy sick with epilepsy, after his disciples had tried and failed. When they asked him why they had failed, Jesus told them it was because of their lack of faith. On the way, too, the disciples disputed amongst themselves as to who of their number would occupy the highest places in the kingdom which they thought Jesus had come to found.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND they came to Capernaum: and when he was in the house he asked them, What were ye reasoning in the way? But they held their peace: for they had disputed one with another in the way, who was the greatest. And he sat down, and called the twelve; and he saith unto them, If any man would be first, he shall be last of all, and minister of all. And he took a little child, and set him in the midst of them: and taking him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such little children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever receiveth me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me. Verily I say unto you, Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

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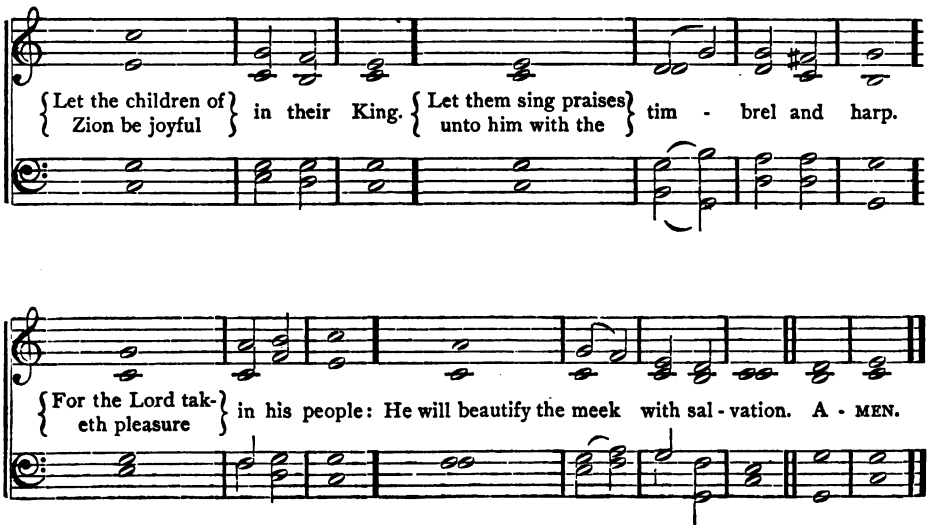
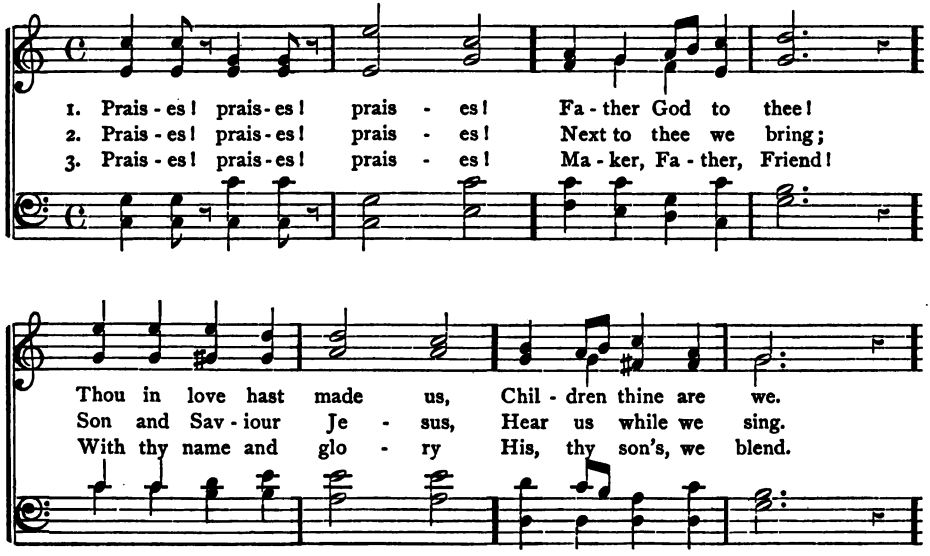


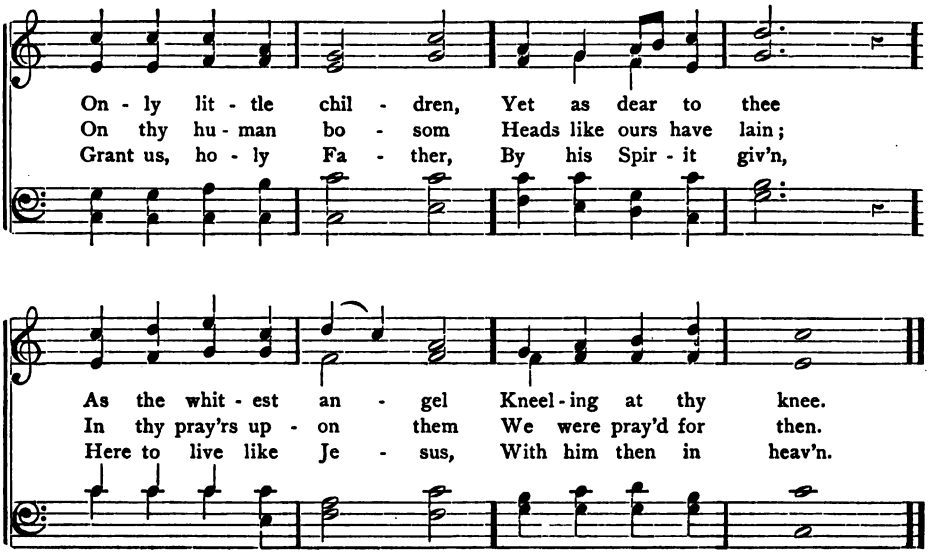
PRAYER.

OUR heavenly Father, We thy children would ask of thee a father's blessing. We know thou art ready to give it, for thou hast taught us that thou dost love us. We thank thee for this assurance, for it calms all our fears, gives us light in darkness, comfort in sorrow, and strength in weakness. Wilt thou enable us to heed the lesson we have read from thy word. May we not be satisfied with low aims, but may all our aspirations be pure and lofty. May we foster a desire for that true greatness which is humble, and consists not in place or name, but in truth, purity, reverence, and love; and may we seek that nobility of soul which is Christian character. Endow us with a greatness that will make us useful to our fellow-men and a blessing to the world in which we live. May we fix our hearts and minds upon Christ as the model of true greatness, the leader of our lives, and the Saviour of our souls, now and forever. AMEN.

HYMN. "Praises."

A. G. LAURIE. From "THE GLORIA."




On - ly lit - tle chil - dren, Yet as dear to thee
On thy hu - man bo - som Heads like ours have lain;
Grant us, ho - ly Fa - ther, By his Spir - it giv'n,
As the whit - est an - gel Kneel - ing at thy knee.
In thy pray'rs up - on them We were pray'd for then.
Here to live like Je - sus, With him then in heav'n.

XXI.

Jesus the Good Shepherd.

RESPONSIVE READING.

COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned;

That she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

The voice of one that crieth, Prepare ye in the wilderness the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain.

Behold, the Lord God will come as a mighty one, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his recompence before him.

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, he shall gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

WHILE Jesus was stopping at Capernaum, his brothers came from Nazareth to ask him to go with them to the Feast of the Tabernacle at Jerusalem. Jesus did not wish to arouse the hostility of his foes by having a large company about him, and therefore declined to go with them. He afterward went to the feast alone, and began to teach in the Temple.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

SOME therefore of them of Jerusalem said, Is not this he whom they seek to kill? The Pharisees heard the multitude murmuring these things concerning him; and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to take him. Jesus therefore said, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life. I am the good shepherd: and I know mine own, and mine own know me, even as the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and they shall become one flock, one shepherd.

The officers therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees; and said unto them, Why did ye not bring him? The officers answered, Never man so spake. The Pharisees therefore answered them, Are ye also led astray? Hath any of the rulers believed on him, or of the Pharisees? But this multitude which knoweth not the law are accursed. Nicodemus saith unto them, Doth our law judge a man, except it first hear from himself and know what he doeth? They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee?

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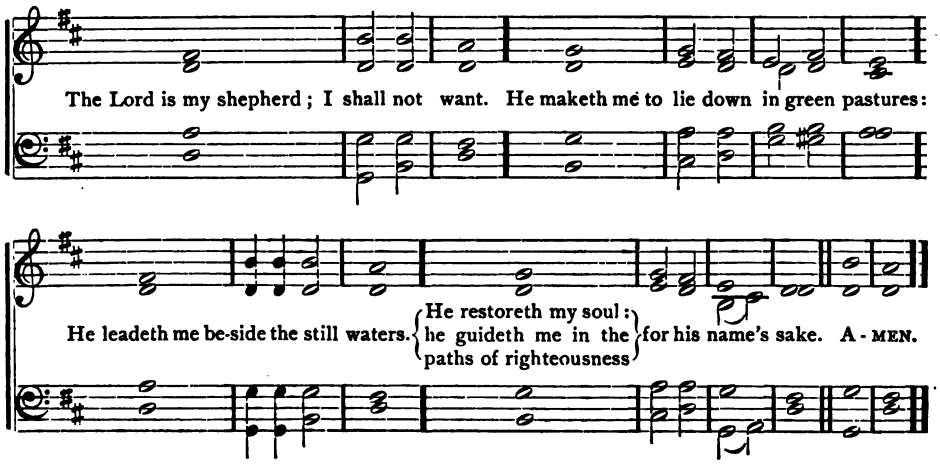
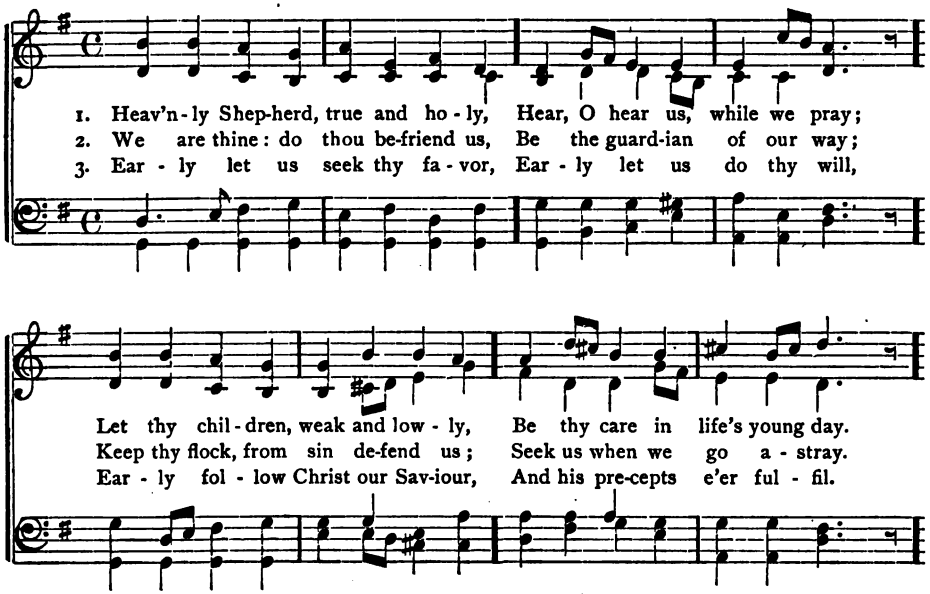


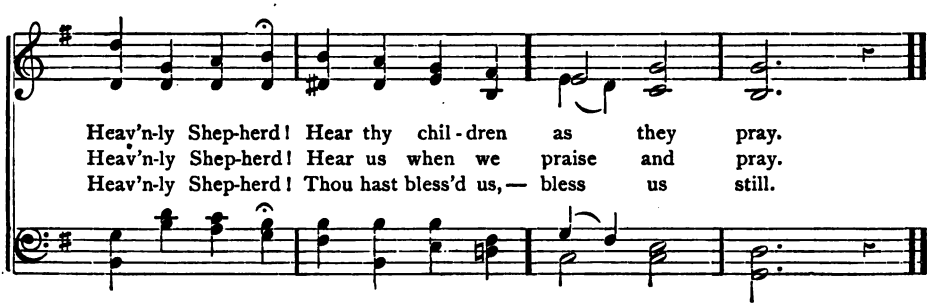
PRAYER.

FATHER of light and life, We thank thee for every good and perfect gift that cometh down from thee. We gratefully acknowledge that the best and most perfect gift from thee to us is the light that the Saviour brought into the world. May we walk evermore in that light: so shall we be strong in the hour of temptation, resigned in the time of trouble, and generous and helpful in seasons of prosperity. As the good shepherd leads his flock beside the still waters and into green pastures, so, Father, by the light of the teachings and example of Jesus guide us to a nobler and a truer life. And with us guide all thy children. Carry the weak and feeble upon thy bosom, lead those that wander away into forbidden paths back to the true way; until at last the Master's words shall indeed be fulfilled, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd. AMEN.

HYMN. "Heavenly Shepherd."

E. J. HOPKINS.





From Children's Hymnal.

XXII.

The Ten Lepers.

RESPONSIVE READING.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies.
Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.
For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

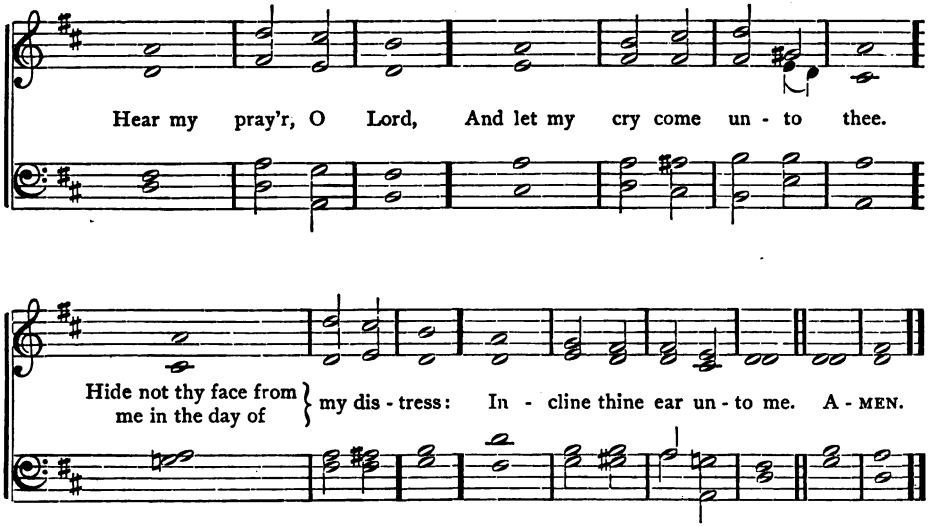
SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

AFTER his foes had made an attempt to arrest him at the Feast of the Tabernacle, Jesus returned to Capernaum. When the time of the Feast of the Dedication was at hand, he started with a large gathering of disciples for Jerusalem by way of Samaria. The inhabitants of the country refusing to sell his company food, he selected seventy and sent them on a mission through Samaria. With the rest of the company he turned and went to Jerusalem through the valley of the Jordan.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND it came to pass, as they were on the way to Jerusalem, that he was passing through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: and they lifted up their voices, saying, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go and show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, with a loud voice glorifying God; and he fell upon his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were not the ten cleansed? but where are the nine? Were there none found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger? And he said unto him, Arise, and go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

CHANT.



PRAYER.

O THOU infinite and gracious God, We come unto thee in filial trust and confidence, knowing that thou art more willing to grant thy favors than we are to ask or receive them. We rejoice to find in Jesus the same love and forgiveness for the sinful that we find in thee. Thou didst give him power to heal the sick, to cleanse the leper, to save the sinful. And as we receive his merciful gifts, fill us with thanksgiving for his goodness, and praise for thy glory. Make us loyal and faithful to him who has done so much for us. In the teachings of Christ we have the truth that came from thee. Enable us, we beseech thee, so to walk in the footsteps of thy son that we may know the way, the truth, and the life. Bless us this day, fill our soul with thy loving spirit, so that we may love thee, love thy service, and love one another. And unto thee be the praise and the glory forever. AMEN.

HYMN. "Minot." *

REV. GEO. DUFFIELD. LEO R. LEWIS.

1. Stand up for Je - sus! Ye sol - diers of the cross;
2. Stand up for Je - sus! Stand in his strength a - lone;
3. Stand up for Je - sus! The strife will not be long;

Lift high his roy - al ban - ner,— It must not suf - fer loss.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
This day the noise of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.

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From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my he shall
Put on the gos - pel ar - mor, And, watch - ing un - to
To him who o - ver - com - eth, A crown of life shall

lead, Till ev' - ry foe is van-quish'd, And Christ is Lord in - deed, —
pray'r, Where du - ty calls, or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there, —
be; He with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly, —

TENOR. Till ev' - ry foe . . is
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Till ev' - ry foe is van - quish'd, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Where du - ty calls, or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
He with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

XXIII.

Blessing Little Children.

RESPONSIVE READING.

AND which of you by being anxious can add one cubit unto his stature?

And why are ye anxious concerning raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

Yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

But if God doth so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Be not therefore anxious, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

For after all these things do the Gentiles seek; for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

AFTER healing the ten lepers Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, teaching, preaching, and healing in Peræa as he passed along. Arriving in the city, he made his home, as usual, with his friend Lazarus at Bethany. It was here that his words in commendation of Mary for choosing the better part were spoken. It was probably also in this home that Jesus blessed little children.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND they brought unto him also their babes, that he should touch them: but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them unto him, saying, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein.

Again he said, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I liken it? It is like unto a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his own garden; and it grew, and became a tree; and the birds of the heaven lodged in the branches thereof. And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like unto leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened.

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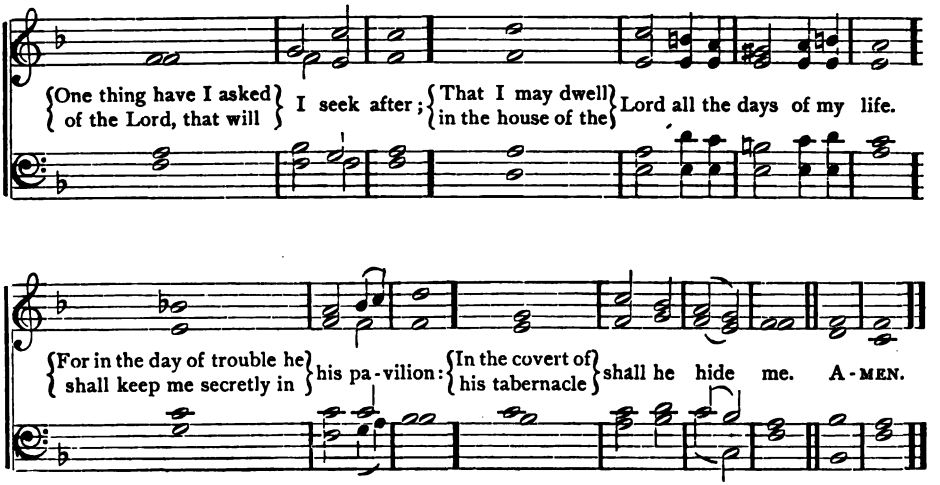


PRAYER.

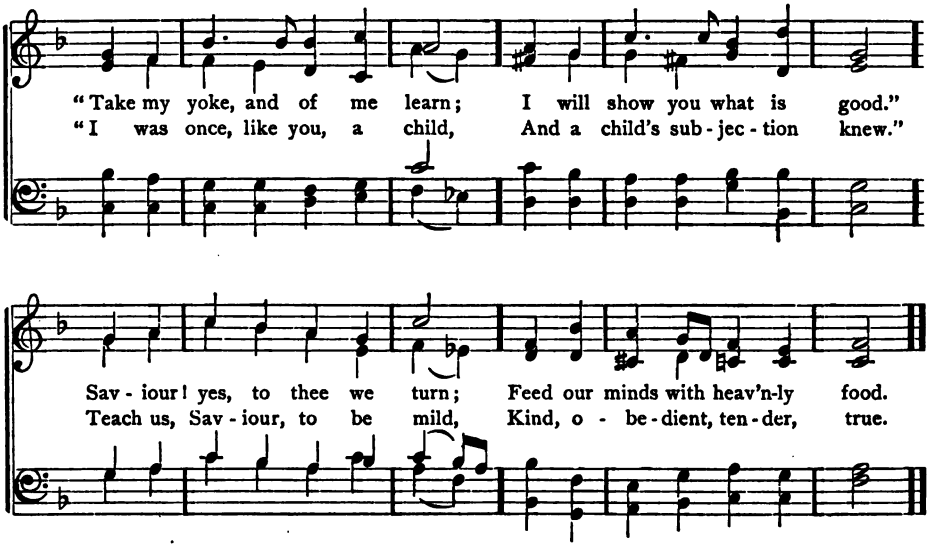
AGAIN, O God our King, we bring our tribute of praise to thy altar, and beseech thy benediction. Day unto day and night unto night declare thy glory. Everywhere and always thou art God. Thy hand ever bestoweth favor, and thy heart of love throbbeth in sympathy with thy children. Through every experience both of joy and sadness, thou art leading us on to final happiness. Our Father, we would worship thee to-day in spirit and in truth. In unison with all aspiring hearts, we bless and magnify thy name. Give us grace, O God, to serve thee faithfully. We do not always see thy hand. Open our eyes that we may see thee as thou art, — our Father in heaven and upon the earth. We do not expect to know thee fully, because thou art infinite and eternal; but we would that, following in the footsteps of thy best-beloved Son, we might learn to trust thee where we cannot see, to know in the darkness the voice of the Good Shepherd, and follow where he leads. Bless us all, O God, as we need, and make us examples of Christian truth and duty. In the name of Jesus we ask it. AMEN.

HYMN. "Christus."

W. P. LUNT. J. BARNBY.

1. Hark! the lov - ing Sav-iour's voice: "Chil-dren, dear, come un - to me."
2. "None can to the Fa - ther come But by me, the Liv - ing Way."

In that word our souls re - joice, And we give our hearts to thee.
Sav-iour, guide us to our home, And the Fa - ther's love dis - play.


"Take my yoke, and of me learn; I will show you what is good."
"I was once, like you, a child, And a child's sub-jec-tion knew."
Sav-iour! yes, to thee we turn; Feed our minds with heav'n-ly food.
Teach us, Sav-iour, to be mild, Kind, o-be-dient, ten-der, true.

XXIV.

The Good Samaritan.

RESPONSIVE READING.

LET love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

In love of the brethren be tenderly affectioned one to another; in honour preferring one another.

Bless them that persecute you; bless, and curse not.

Rejoice with them that rejoice; weep with them that weep.

If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him to drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head.

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

AT the Feast of the Dedication Jesus again met with serious opposition from his enemies. They incited the citizens to stone him, and thus he was forced to take refuge in Peræa. Here he taught and healed people who dwelt in the vicinity of the place where John began to baptize. Here also the seventy came and reported to him the great success of their mission in Samaria.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? And he said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy

God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, desiring to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? Jesus made answer and said, A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho; and he fell among robbers, which both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance a certain priest was going down that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And in like manner a Levite also, when he came to the place, and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion, and came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on them oil and wine; and he set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, I, when I come back again, will repay thee. Which of these three, thinkest thou, proved neighbour unto him that fell among the robbers? And he said, He that showed mercy on him. And Jesus said unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

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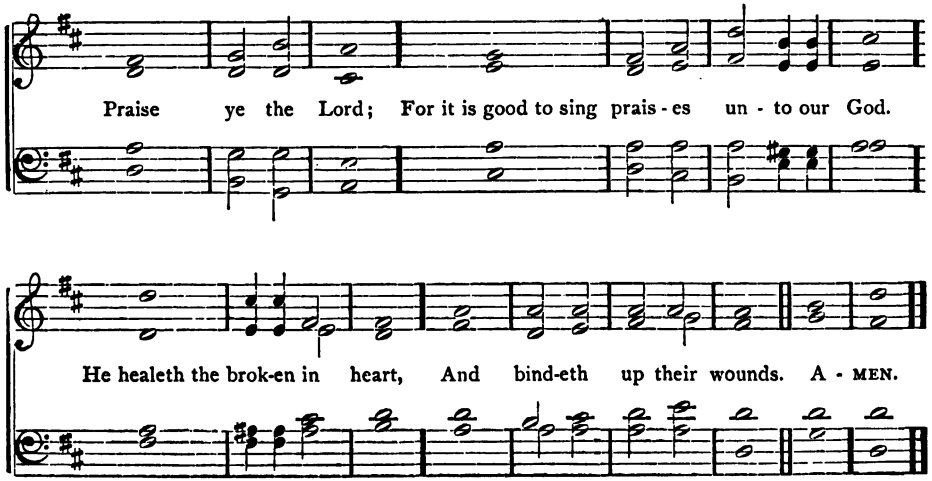
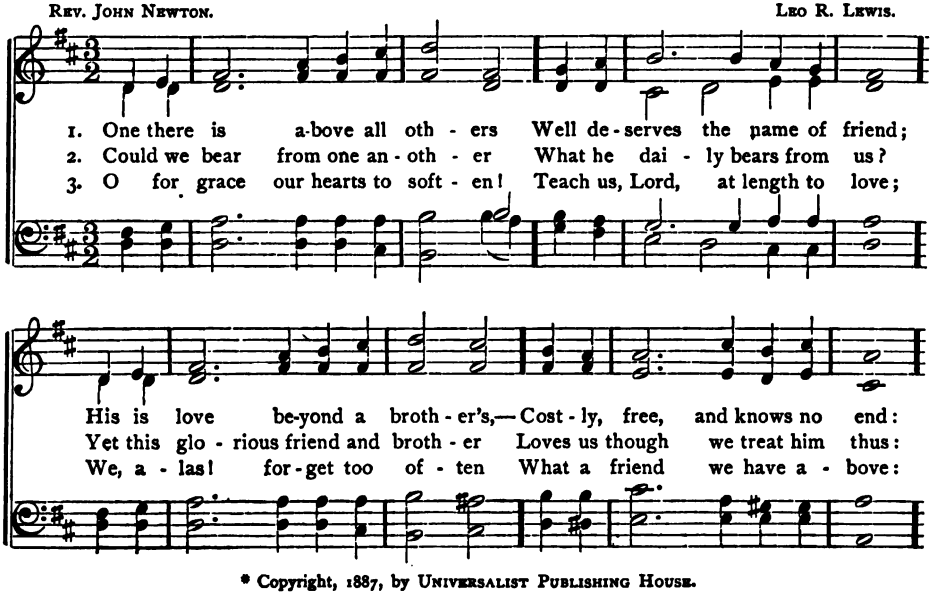


PRAYER.

EVER kind and merciful Father, We thank thee for the example of goodness thou hast set before us in Jesus. We bless thee that his words and life reveal thy kindness and mercy to us, and teach us to be kind and merciful to others. Father, help us to-day to take to our hearts the lesson of this parable of the Good Samaritan. May we be charitable to all, whatever their belief, their nation, or their position in life. Make us quick to feel that there are wounds of the spirit and of the heart as well as of the body. Fill us with thine own gracious spirit, that we may pour over such wounds the healing balm of sympathy and love. And when we find those who need our help, strengthen us, we pray thee, to persevere in our well doing until they no longer need our aid. Thus shall we show ourselves true neighbors to all, and faithful disciples of him who, pointing us to the Good Samaritan, says, "Go, and do ye likewise." AMEN.

HYMN. "Lincoln." *

REV. JOHN NEWTON. LEO R. LEWIS.



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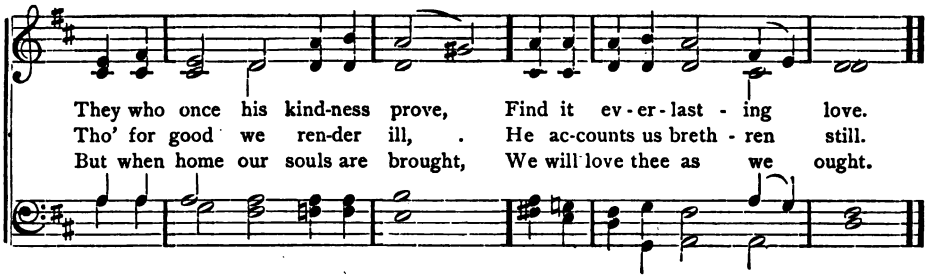
They who once his kind-ness prove, Find it ev-er-last-ing love.
Tho' for good we ren-der ill, He ac-counts us breth-ren still.
But when home our souls are brought, We will love thee as we ought.

XXV.

Jesus at Bethany.

RESPONSIVE READING.

SURELY he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, yet he humbled himself and opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away.

And they made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death;

Although he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

IN Peræa Jesus was teaching people whom the Jews looked upon as sinners and Gentiles, people beyond the limits of God's care and love. Here he gave the parables of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Piece of Silver, the Prodigal Son, and the Rich Man and Lazarus. Hither came to him word from Mary and Martha that their brother was sick unto death. Despite the entreaties of his disciples, who feared the danger to which he would be exposed in Jerusalem, Jesus started for Bethany.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

SO when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had been in the tomb four days already. Martha therefore said unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. And even now I know that, whatsoever thou shalt ask of God, God will give thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I have believed that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, even he that cometh into the world. And when she had said this, she went away, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is here, and calleth thee.

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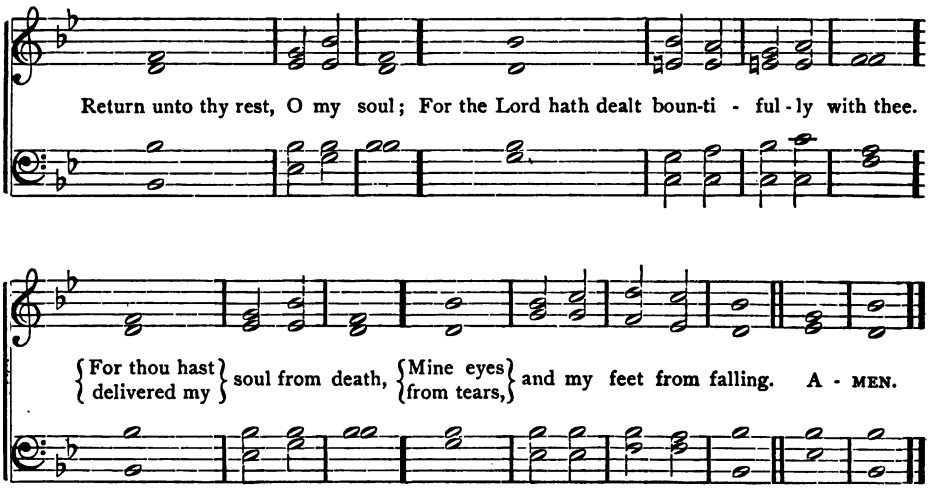

PRAYER.

WE thank thee, Gracious Father, for the gospel of our Saviour, through which thou hast abolished death and brought life and immortality to light. If any of our number are at this time burdened with sorrow, may they, like the sisters of Bethany, turn to Jesus. May his comforting spirit be with them to reveal our sure resurrection from death, and to point to the blessed life beyond the grave. Loving Father, prepare us, we pray thee, for whatever grief may be in store for us. When it shall come, may we keep firm our belief in the Saviour's words of comfort and promise. Perfect us in the faith that we are living in thy house of many mansions. Open thou our spiritual vision that we may clearly see our vanished friends and dear ones preparing with Jesus places for us in the unseen world. Teach us that whether we live or die we are still thine, and that thy love will never lose its own. So may we ever trust in thee, and with grateful hearts be able to say in spirit and in truth, Not our will, but thine, O God, be done. AMEN.

HYMN. "Albion." *

PAUL GERHARDT. LEO R. LEWIS.

1. The Lord to them is ev - er nigh Who truth - ful - ly draw near him;
2. "In truth who my great name doth fear," Saith Christ, "and firm be - liev - eth,

He's at their side when-e'er they cry, Helps those o'er-come who fear him.
God doth re-gard his pray'r sin-cere, His heart's wish free - ly giv - eth."

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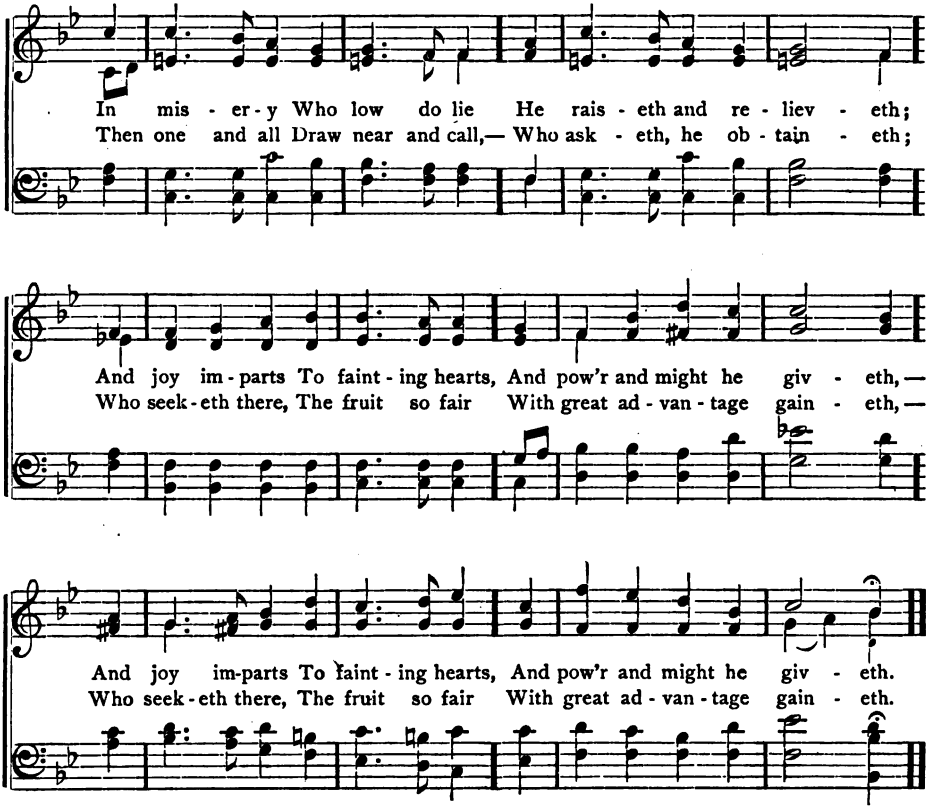
In mis - er - y Who low do lie He rais - eth and re - liev - eth;
Then one and all Draw near and call,— Who ask - eth, he ob - tain - eth;
And joy im - parts To faint - ing hearts, And pow'r and might he giv - eth,—
Who seek - eth there, The fruit so fair With great ad - van - tage gain - eth,—
And joy im-parts To faint - ing hearts, And pow'r and might he giv - eth.
Who seek - eth there, The fruit so fair With great ad - van - tage gain - eth.

XXVI.

The Raising of Lazarus.

RESPONSIVE READING.

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself;

That where I am, there ye may be also.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; so neither can ye, except ye abide in me.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

JESUS had not yet come into the village of Bethany when Martha met him. Martha went to tell her sister of the arrival of Jesus, and found her, surrounded by sympathizing neighbors, bewailing the death of Lazarus. These friends followed Mary, thinking that she had gone merely to visit the tomb of Lazarus. But they saw her at the feet of Jesus, weeping and saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

WHEN Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, and said, Where have ye laid him? They say unto him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept.

Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus saith, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, he hath been dead four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou believedst, thou shouldest see the glory of God? So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou heardest me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the multitude which standeth around I said it, that they may believe that thou didst send me. And when he had thus spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. He that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes; and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

Many therefore of the Jews, which came to Mary and beheld that which he did, believed on him. But some of them went away to the Pharisees, and told them the things which Jesus had done.

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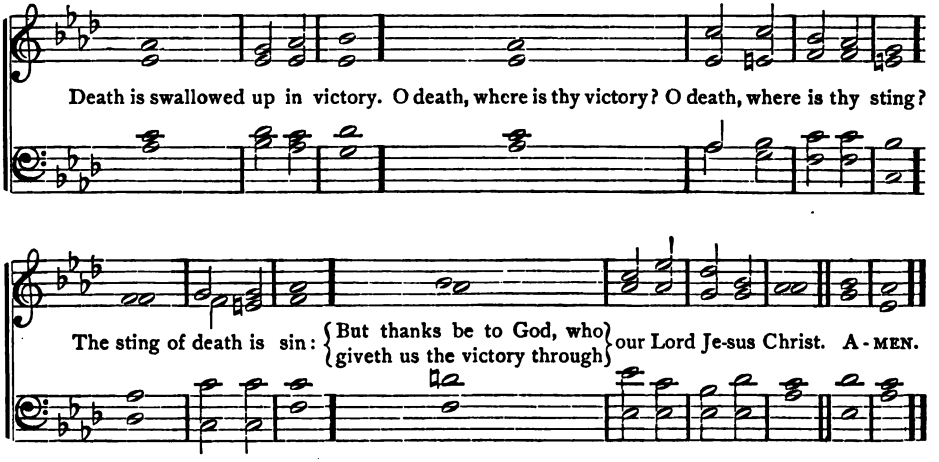
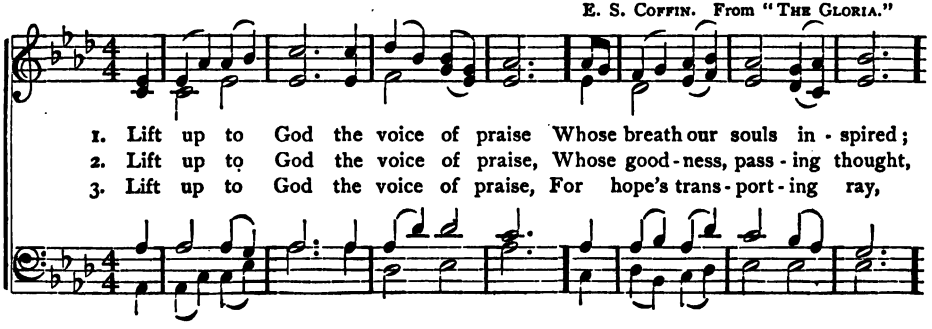


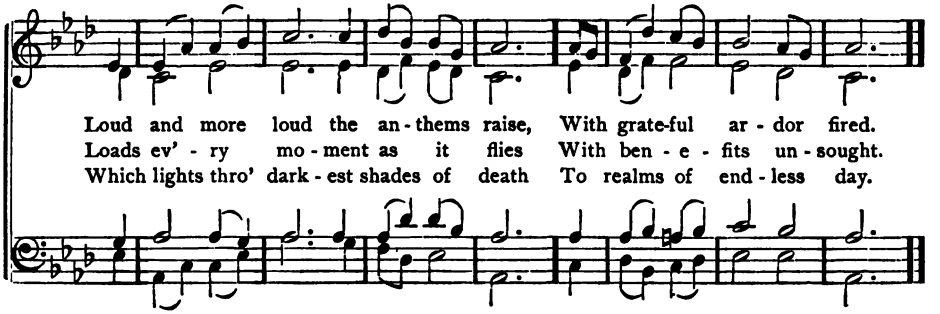
PRAYER.

WE bless thee, O Father, and we would come to thee now, gratefully acknowledging our dependence upon thee. Thou art the source of light and peace to all who truly seek thee, and we approach thee at this time with the earnest desire in our hearts that we may be more like him who brought light from darkness, and revealed to us immortality. O Father, may we delight in thy testimonies, and seek thee with our whole heart. From thee we have life and all life's blessings. Thy gifts unto us are greater in number than we can ask or even think. Chief among these is that unspeakable gift, — thy son, Jesus Christ. For his life and work in the world we offer special thanks today. We rejoice that he came to earth with a heart full of tender sympathy for the afflicted; that he wept with those who wept; that he ministered consolation to the sorrowing. We rejoice still more that thou didst endow him with that divine power by which the sick were healed, the impotent restored, and even the dead raised to life. We praise thee not only for the power he exercised over human bodies, but more especially for that greater power he wielded over human souls. By the touch of his quickening spirit those dead in transgression and sin were raised into newness of life. May we recognize his call to the human soul to arise out of death in sin and walk forth to life in righteousness. May we hear his voice, obey his call, and enter into his full salvation. AMEN.

HYMN. "The Voice of Praise."

E. S. COFFIN. From "THE GLORIA."




Loud and more loud the an - thems raise, With grate-ful ar - dor fired.
Loads ev' - ry mo - ment as it flies With ben - e - fits un - sought.
Which lights thro' dark - est shades of death To realms of end - less day.

XXVII.

Teaching Humility.

RESPONSIVE READING.

BUT know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him.

Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

Many there be that say, Who will show us any good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than they have when their corn and their wine are increased.

In peace will I both lay me down and sleep: for thou, Lord, alone makest me dwell in safety.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

THE raising of Lazarus so excited the spite and envy of the enemies of Jesus that they determined to compass his death at any cost. Jesus therefore retired to Ephraim, a city about thirty miles northwest of Bethany; and here and in Peræa, near the Jordan, he passed the time until the Feast of the Passover. As the time of that feast approached, he took his disciples and set out for Jerusalem by the way of Jericho. As he went along he told his disciples that his hour had come; that it was necessary that he should die at Jerusalem in order that his kingdom might be established upon the earth.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

THEN came to him the mother of the sons of Zebedee with her sons, worshipping him, and asking a certain thing of him. And he said unto her, What wouldest thou? She saith unto him, Command that these my two sons may sit, one on thy right hand, and one on thy left hand, in thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink the cup that I am about to drink? They say unto him, We are able. He saith unto them, My cup indeed ye shall drink: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left hand, is not mine to give, but it is for them for whom it hath been prepared of my Father. And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation concerning the two brethren. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Not so shall it be among you: but whosoever would become great among you shall be your minister; and whosoever would be first among you shall be your servant: even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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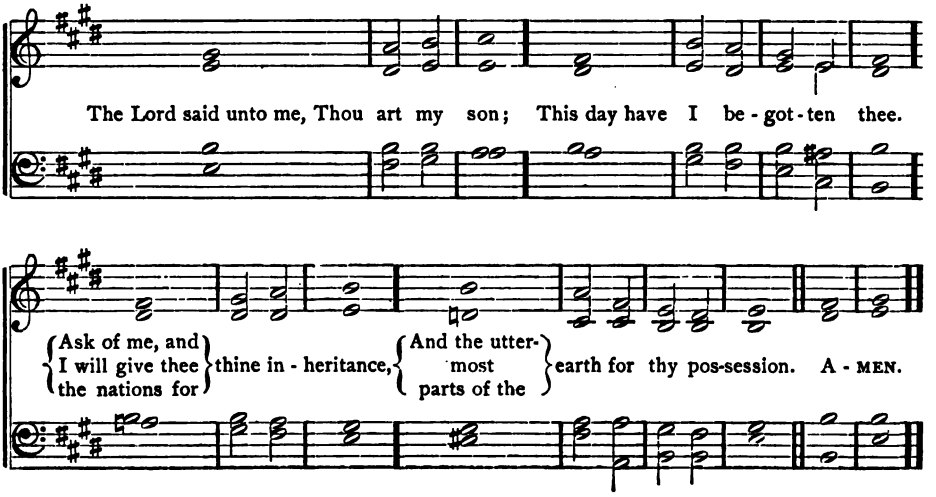
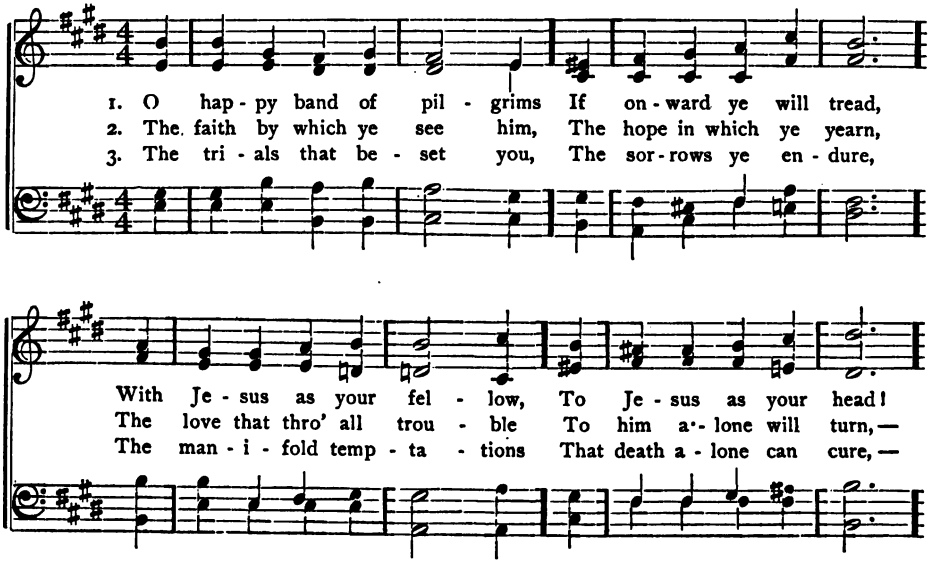


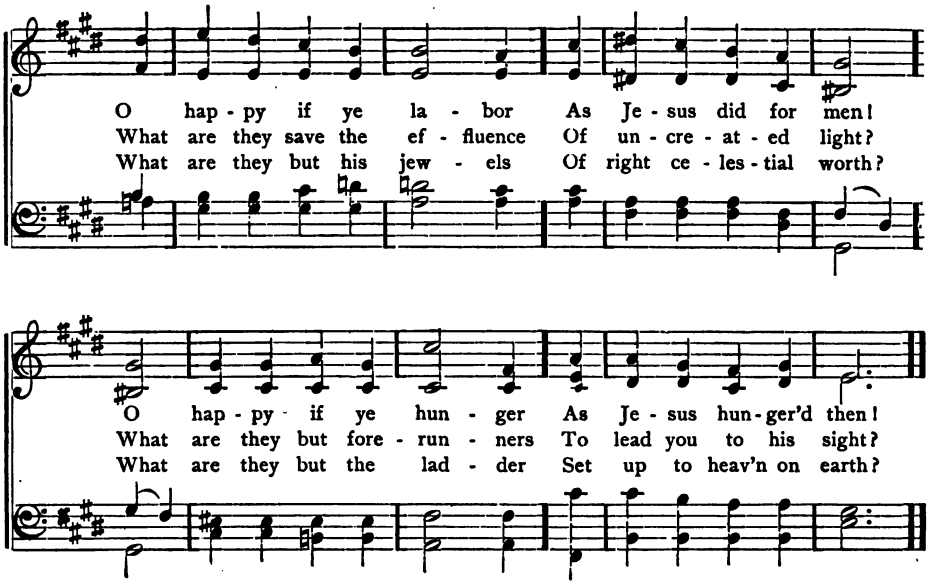
PRAYER.

OUR Father who art in heaven, We look unto thee for thy blessing. Hear our prayer, we beseech thee, and grant us the peace and joy of thy presence. We ask not for riches and honor, nor for any earthly treasure which moth and rust may corrupt; we ask for the gifts of the spirit, — for faith and hope and love. Help us to be more gentle, meek, and patient. May we have the spirit of thy dear Son, our Saviour, who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. Make us more willing to bear one another's burdens, and so to fulfil the law of Christ. Grant that in all things we may be the loving and faithful disciples of him who was meek and lowly in heart, and who sought not high things, but condescended to men of low estate. So may the blessings of thy kingdom come to us as we seek to do thy will, and thy love and peace abide in all our hearts evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

HYMN. "St. Anselm."

REV. JOHN MASON NEALE (abridged). JOSEPH BARNBY.




O hap - py if ye la - bor As Je - sus did for men!
What are they save the ef - fluence Of un - cre - at - ed light?
What are they but his jew - els Of right ce - les - tial worth?
O hap - py if ye hun - ger As Je - sus hun - ger'd then!
What are they but fore - run - ners To lead you to his sight?
What are they but the lad - der Set up to heav'n on earth?

XXVIII.

The Entry into Jerusalem.

RESPONSIVE READING.

LIFT up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is the King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates; yea, lift them up, ye everlasting doors:
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

UPON the arrival of Jesus at Jerusalem, his friends at Bethany welcomed him with a feast. It was at this feast that Mary anointed him. Attracted not only by the presence of Jesus, but also by the hope of seeing Lazarus, who had been raised from the dead, a large company flocked out of the city to Bethany. They were now ready to proclaim Jesus as their king.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

ON the morrow a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took the branches of the palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried out, Hosanna: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel. And as he was now drawing nigh, even at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works which they had seen; saying, Blessed is the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. And some of the Pharisees from the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and said, I tell you that, if these shall hold their peace, the stones will cry out.

And he entered into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold, saying unto them, It is written, And my house shall be a house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of robbers.

And he was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people sought to destroy him: and they could not find what they might do; for the people all hung upon him, listening.

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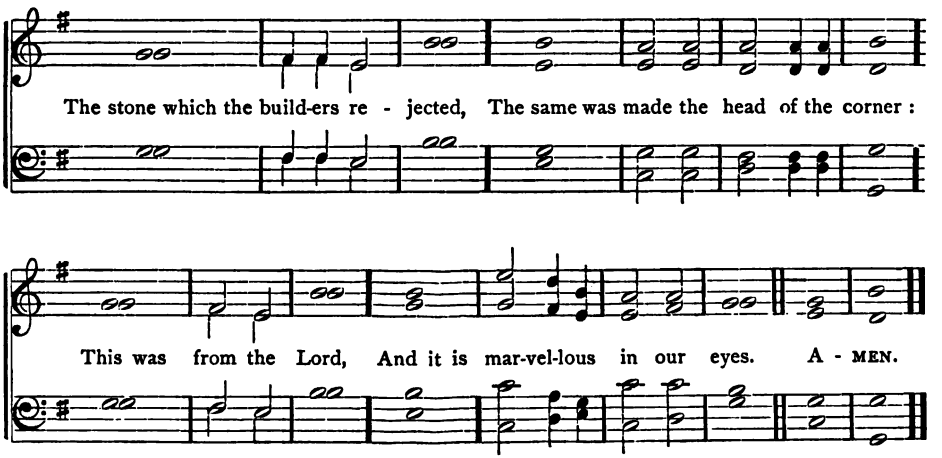

PRAYER.

OUR heavenly Father, We thank thee for the gift of thy son to be the Saviour of the world. We bless thee for the light and love which he brought from thee to the children of men. Thou dost give us in him a witness of thyself, that we may put our trust in thee as our unchanging friend. May we be ready to labor in thy service, ever following in the footsteps of our Master, who went about doing good. Fill our hearts with love to all, and cause our hands to open wide toward the poor and needy. May we enter into their sorrows and be acquainted with their griefs. May we be cheerful givers, as thou hast given freely unto us. Guide us, O Lord, we pray thee, and strengthen us unto every good word and work; and thy great name shall have all the praise, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. AMEN.

HYMN. "Foster." *

REV. JOHN KING. LEO R. LEWIS.

1. When, his sal - va - tion bring - ing, To Zi - on Je - sus came,
2. And since the Lord re - tain - eth His love for chil - dren still,
3. For should we fail pro - claim - ing Our great Re - deem - er's praise,

The chil - dren all stood sing - ing Ho - san - na to his name.
Though now as King he reign - eth On Zi - on's heav'n - ly hill,
The stones, our si - lence sham - ing, Would their ho - san - nas raise.

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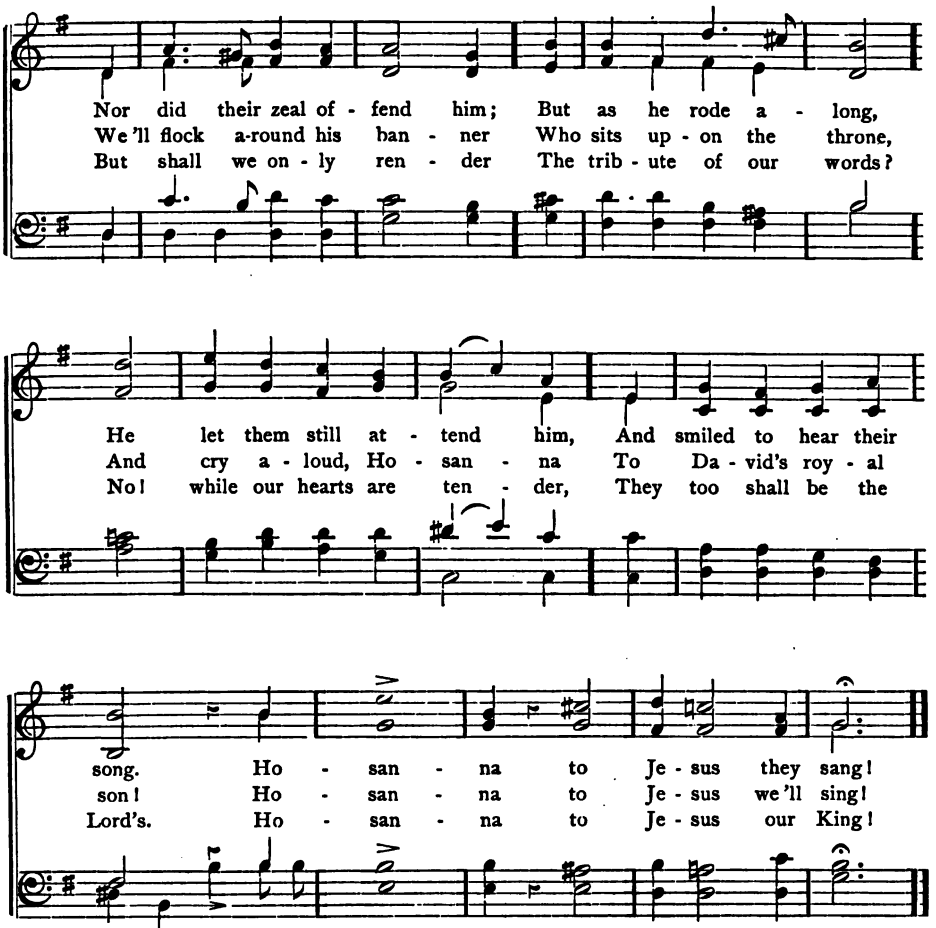
Nor did their zeal of - fend him; But as he rode a - long,
We'll flock a-round his ban - ner Who sits up - on the throne,
But shall we on - ly ren - der The trib - ute of our words?
He let them still at - tend him, And smiled to hear their
And cry a - loud, Ho - san - na To Da - vid's roy - al
No! while our hearts are ten - der, They too shall be the
song. Ho - san - na to Je - sus they sang!
son! Ho - san - na to Je - sus we'll sing!
Lord's. Ho - san - na to Je - sus our King!
Ho - san - na, Ho - san na

XXIX.

The Last Supper.

RESPONSIVE READING.

FOR I received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, how that the Lord Jesus in the night in which he was betrayed took bread;

And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, This is my body, which is for you: this do in remembrance of me.

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come.

Wherefore whosoever shall eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

But let a man prove himself, and so let him eat of the bread, and drink of the cup.

For he that eateth and drinketh, eateth and drinketh judgment unto himself, if he discern not the body.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

FROM the day of his joyful reception by the people, to the time of the Last Supper, Jesus filled his days with teaching, and passed his nights at Bethany. During this last week of his life he predicted the destruction of Jerusalem, the overthrow of the Temple, and gave the parables of The Withered Fig-Tree, The Vineyard, The Ten Talents, The Publican's Prayer, The Widow's Mite, The King and his Son, The Ten Virgins, and The King's Judgment.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

NOW on the first day of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, Where wilt thou that we make ready for thee to eat the passover? And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

And as they were eating, he took bread, and when he had blessed, he brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take ye: this is my body. And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the covenant, which is shed for many.

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out unto the mount of Olives.

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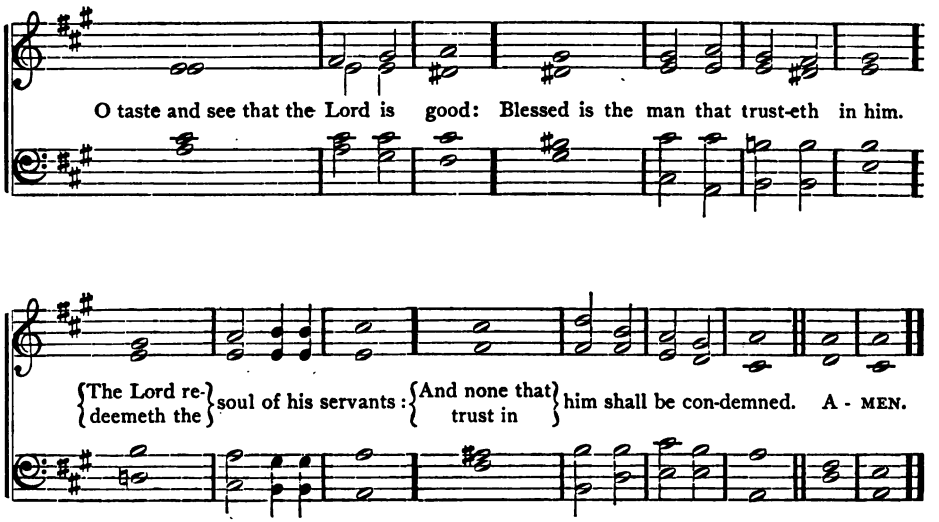
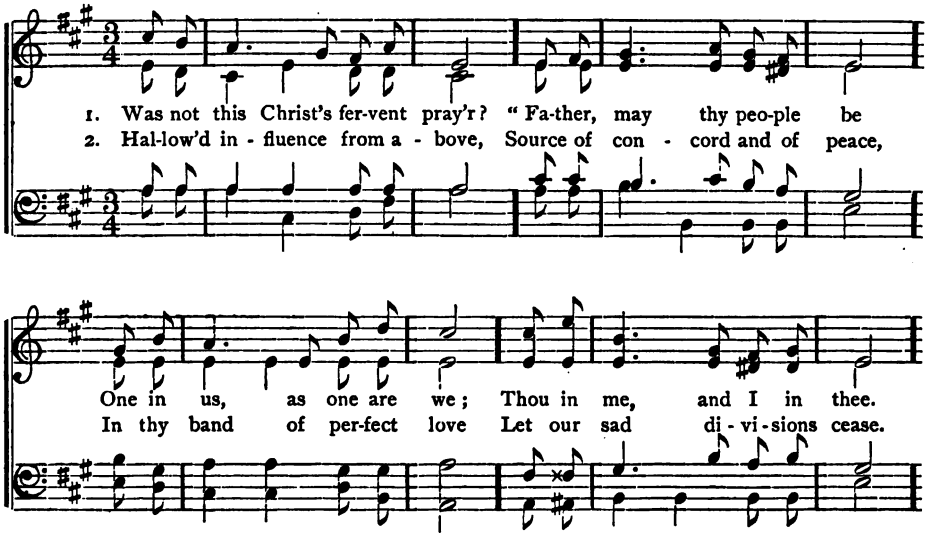


PRAYER.

BOUNTIFUL Father, The eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. O thou who givest to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry, we ask, as did thy servant of old, that thou wilt feed us with food that is needful for us. Each time, as we gather about the table at home laden with thy bounty, may we remember that from thee cometh down every good and perfect gift, and render thanks. For the bread of heaven which thou hast sent us in the teachings and life of Jesus, we thank thee. In church, in Sunday-school, and at the communion-table, may our souls feed upon that bread. By the spiritual strength thus gained may we be inspired to use our bodies and shed our blood, if need be, as Jesus did, in the service of our fellow-men. In the knowledge that thou art more ready to give than we are to receive, we humbly and gratefully offer our prayer. AMEN.

HYMN. "Unity." *

THOMAS RAFFLES, D.D. (abridged.) LEO R. LEWIS.



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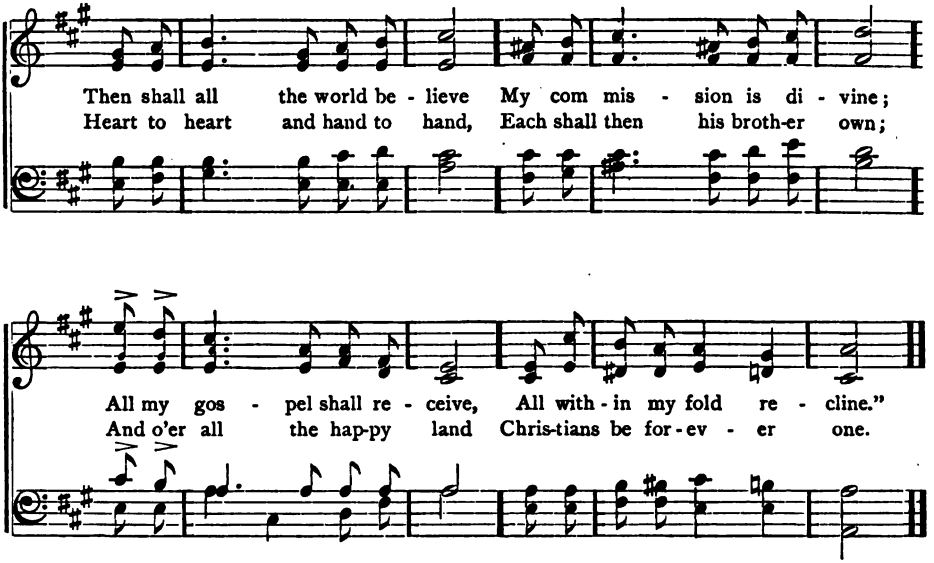
Then shall all the world be - lieve My com mis - sion is di - vine;
Heart to heart and hand to hand, Each shall then his broth-er own;
All my gos - pel shall re - ceive, All with - in my fold re - cline."
And o'er all the hap-py land Chris-tians be for - ev - er one.

XXX.

Gethsemane.

RESPONSIVE READING.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him:

I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble: I will deliver him, and honour him.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

WHILE Jesus was teaching openly in the Temple during the Passover Week, his enemies were perfecting their plans against his life. They bribed Judas to betray him. The betrayal took place when Jesus, after eating the passover with his disciples, had gone out with them into the Garden of Gethsemane.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND he was parted from them about a stone's cast; and he kneeled down and prayed, saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. And there appeared unto him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling down upon the ground. And when he rose up from his prayer, he came unto the disciples, and found them sleeping for sorrow, and said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.

And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is he: take him. And straightway he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, Rabbi; and kissed him. And Jesus said unto him, Friend, do that for which thou art come. Then they came and laid hands on Jesus, and took him. And behold, one of them that were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and smote the servant of the high priest. Then saith Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into its place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

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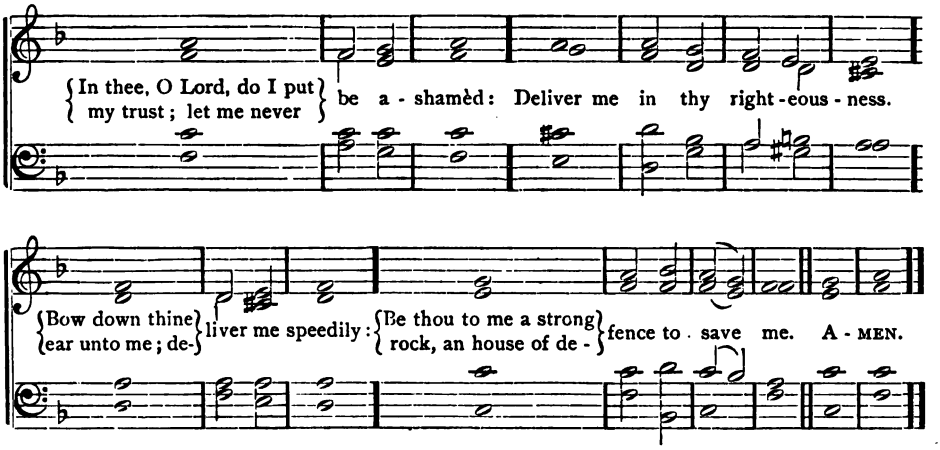

PRAYER.

WE rejoice, O God, that thou art; and that thou art altogether lovely, the one altogether to be praised. We rejoice that whilst we are weak, thou art strong and mighty; that whilst we are short-sighted, thou seest the end from the beginning; that whilst we are sinful, thou art a being of spotless purity; that whilst we are finite, thou art infinite in all thy ways. But, O Father, notwithstanding thou art as much above us as the heavens are above the earth, thou hast given us the sweet assurance that thy love for us is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever. And imperfect though we are, thou dost seek to make us stronger, wiser, better. Gracious God, we pray that we may yield ourselves to thy loving, helpful spirit; that we may have the mind of Christ, who came not to destroy men's lives, but to save them. We pray for the forgiving spirit. We pray that we may be long-suffering, and kind, and willing to forgive as we hope to be forgiven. This we ask as disciples of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

HYMN. "Courtlandt." *

REV. WILLIAM B. TAPPAN. LEO R. LEWIS.

1. 'T is mid - night, and on O - live's brow The star is dimm'd that late-ly shone: . 'T is mid - night; in the gar - den now strives a-lone with fears: . E'en the dis - ci - ple whom he loved
2. 'T is mid - night; and, from all re-moved, The Sav - iour
3. 'T is mid - night, and from eth - er plains Is borne the song that an-gels know; . Un - heard by mor-tals are the strains

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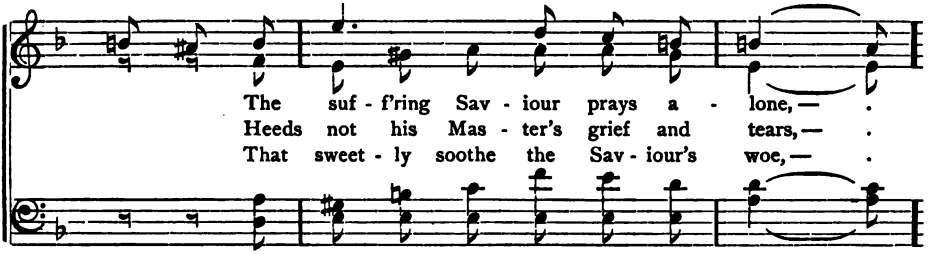
The suf - f'ring Sav - - iour prays a - lone, — .
Heeds not his Mas - - ter's grief and tears, — .
That sweet - ly soothe . . the Sav - iour's woe, — .



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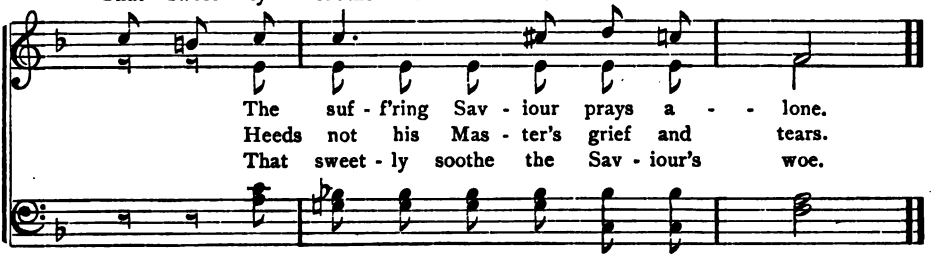

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XXXI.

Jesus before Pilate.

RESPONSIVE READING.

SURELY he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:

Yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

He was oppressed, yet he humbled himself and opened not his mouth; as a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before her shearers is dumb; yea, he opened not his mouth.

And they made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; although he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied.

Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out his soul unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

WHEN Jesus was arrested, the eleven all forsook him. Judas, the betrayer, hanged himself. Jesus was first taken for examination before Annas, the ex-high priest. Annas sent him to his son-in-law, the present high priest, Caiaphas. This man, adjudging Jesus guilty, arraigned him before the Sanhedrim. Condemned by this tribunal, Jesus was led to Pilate, the Roman governor, for final examination and sentence. Pilate could find nothing against him worthy of death, and requested the people to withdraw their accusation. This they refused to do. Thereupon Pilate sent Jesus to Herod Antipas (who was then in the city for the feast of the passover), in the hope that Herod would take the responsibility of deciding the case. In this Pilate was disappointed.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND Pilate called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said unto them, Ye brought unto me this man, as one that perverteth the people: and behold, I, having examined him before you, found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him: no, nor yet Herod: for he sent him back unto us; and behold, nothing worthy of death hath been done by him. I will therefore chastise him, and release him. But they cried out all together, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas: one who for a certain insurrection made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison. And Pilate spake unto them again, desiring to release Jesus; but they shouted, saying, Crucify, crucify him. And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath this man done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him and release him. But they were instant with loud voices, asking that he might be crucified. And their voices prevailed. And Pilate gave sentence that what they asked for should be done. And he released him that for insurrection and murder had been cast into prison, whom they asked for; but Jesus he delivered up to their will.

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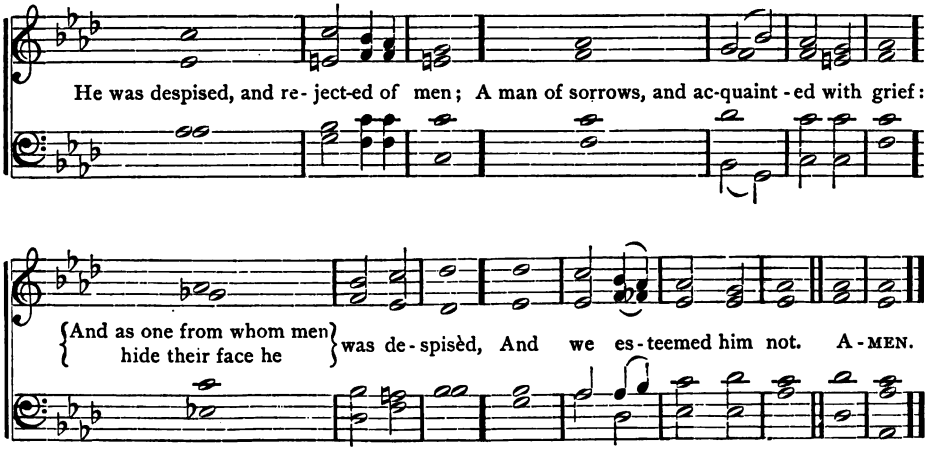
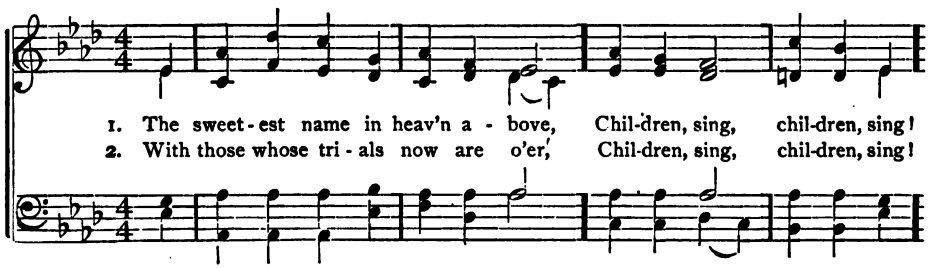


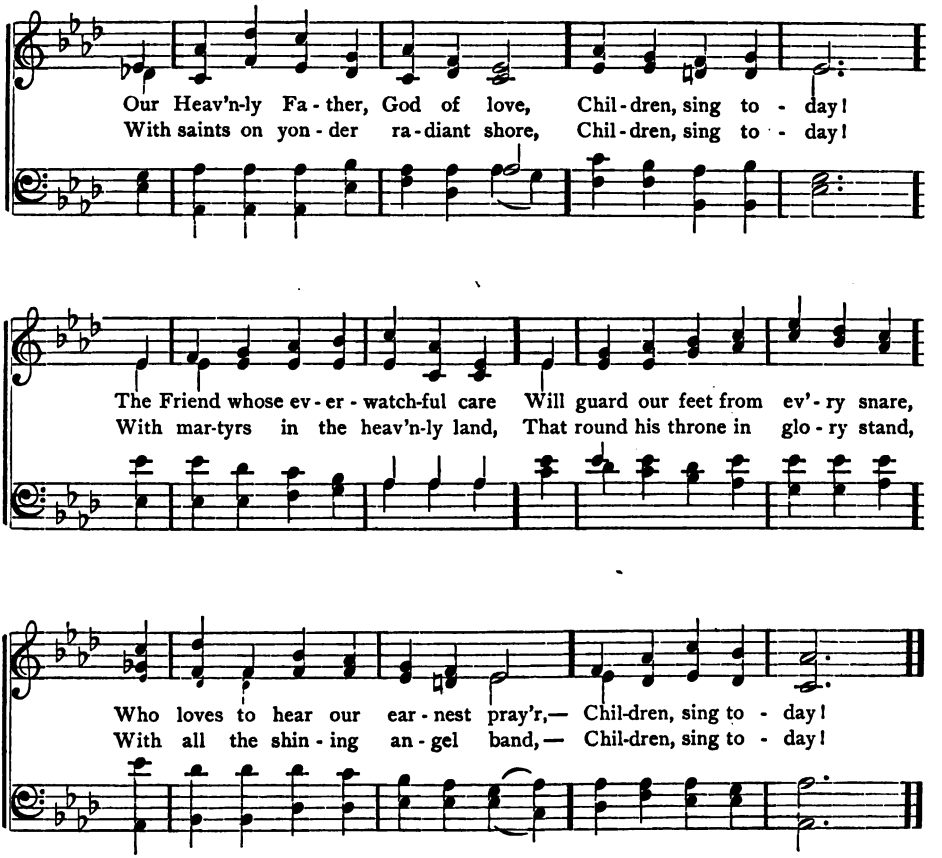
PRAYER.

DEAR Lord, our heavenly Father, We thank thee that, though we are only children, we know something of thy great goodness. Hast thou not given us our fathers and mothers, our sisters and brothers, our playmates and friends, and all our good and perfect gifts? Surely thou dost love us, and we ought to love thee also. But more than all hast thou shown thy love to us in the gift of Jesus Christ, thy son. We pray that we may be able to know him better than we do; that our parents and teachers may have wisdom concerning him, and may tell it to us. And make our hearts to be so good and pure that the story of his goodness and power shall not seem unreal to us, as it did to those men of old, who, though they saw him and all his works, did not believe in him. O Lord, make us to be of his flock, and to follow the example of his goodness, until we shall know and love him so well that no one shall be able to pluck us out of his hand. O help us to show that we are his, as he showed that he was thine, by the works which we do. Dear Father, we pray that we may be good, so that we may know Christ. And we pray that we may know Christ, so that we may be good. Wilt thou help us in this, and all things, through him. AMEN.

HYMN. "Sweetest Name."

ARTHUR PAGE.





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XXXII.

The Crucifixion.

RESPONSIVE READING.

HEAR, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me up.

Teach me thy way, O Lord; and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

Deliver me not over unto the will of mine adversaries: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord: be strong, and let thine heart take courage; yea, wait thou on the Lord.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

HAVING passed judgment upon Jesus, Pilate scourged him and then handed him over to the Jews. They placed a crown of thorns upon his head, and bound upon his shoulders the cross upon which he was to be crucified. They forced Jesus, thus pierced and burdened, to go along the streets through a crowd that scoffed at, spat upon, and beat him. He was driven to Golgotha, and there crucified. . . . Among those that witnessed the execution were the mother and the disciples of Jesus, Mary, the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. To John's care Jesus left his mother.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND when they came unto the place which is called The skull, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left. And Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And the rulers also scoffed at him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if this is the Christ of God, his chosen.

And one of the malefactors who were hanged railed on him, saying, Art not thou the Christ? save thyself and us. But the other answered, and rebuking him said, Dost thou not even fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said, Jesus, remember me when thou comest in thy kingdom. And he said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in Paradise.

And it was now about the sixth hour, and a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, the sun's light failing: and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said this, he gave up the ghost.

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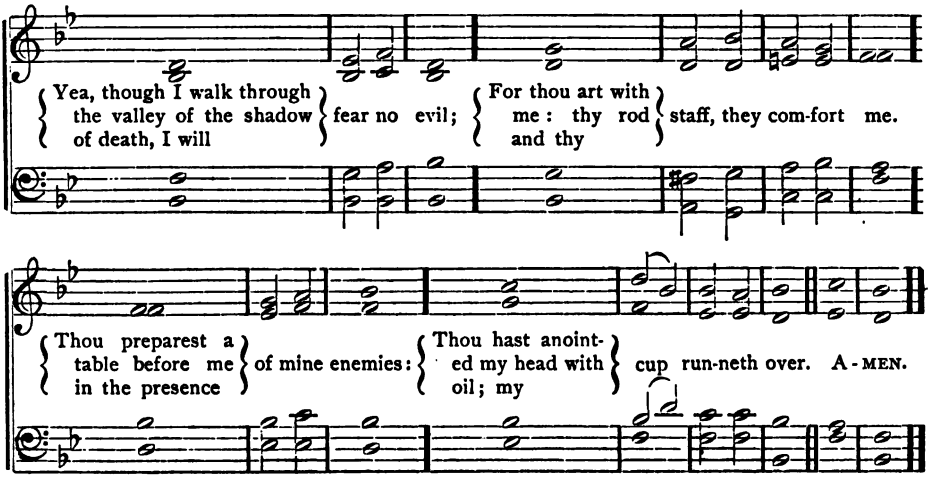
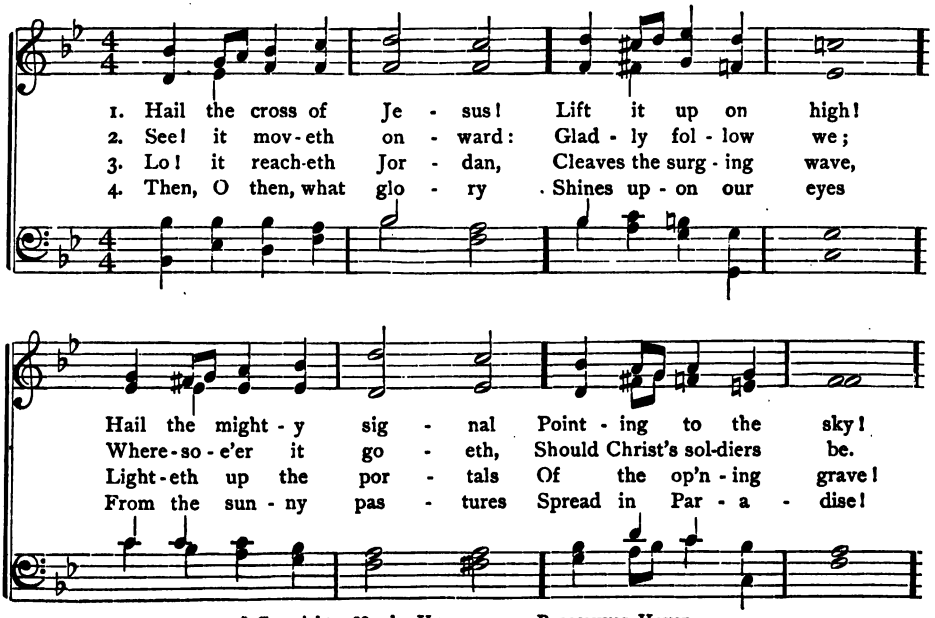


PRAYER.

HEAVENLY Father, We reverently confess that thy judgments are unsearchable, and thy ways past finding out. But though we cannot know why sorrow and pain must come into all our lives, yet we trust that thou doest all things well. As thou didst make Jesus, the Captain of our Salvation, perfect through suffering, so come the crosses we are called upon to bear, to strengthen us for every good word and work. In sickness and in pain, Father, be thou near with thy loving spirit to heal and to comfort. Keep us from thinking of our trouble only. Enable us to be kindly thoughtful of the comfort and need of others, especially of those who are caring for us, or whose hearts are touched by our suffering. And when all earthly and human aid fails us, may we feel the everlasting arms still beneath us. Then perfect our trust in thee. May we meet the end with calm resignation, and pass into death in the hope of a resurrection to the blessed life beyond the grave. We rejoice that we can offer all our prayers in the name of him who brought life and immortality to light. AMEN.

HYMN. "Sargent." *

LEO R. LEWIS.



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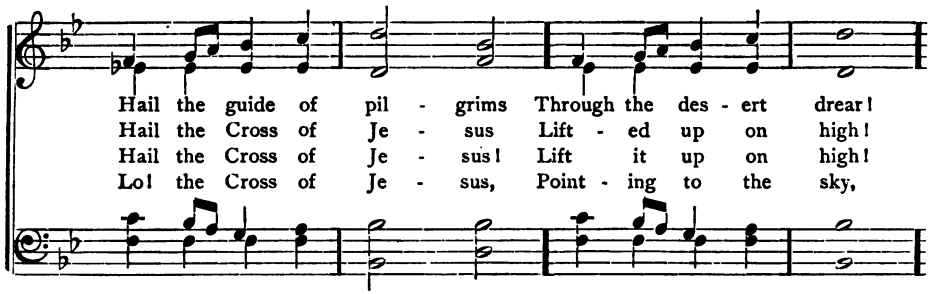
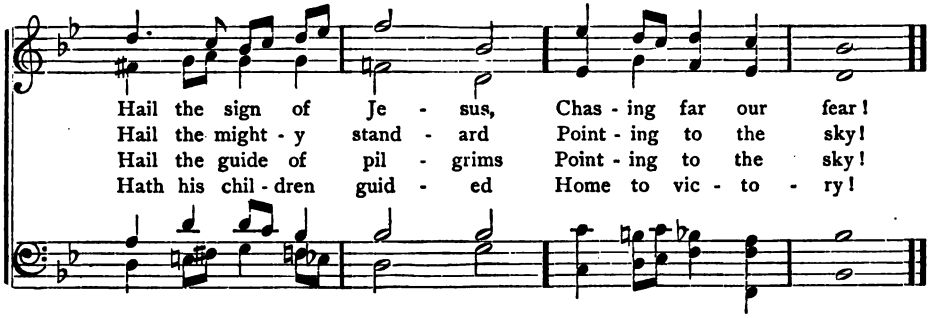

Hail the guide of pil - grims Through the des - ert drear!
Hail the Cross of Je - sus Lift - ed up on high!
Hail the Cross of Je - sus! Lift it up on high!
Lo! the Cross of Je - sus, Point - ing to the sky,


Hail the sign of Je - sus, Chas - ing far our fear!
Hail the might - y stand - ard Point - ing to the sky!
Hail the guide of pil - grims Point - ing to the sky!
Hath his chil - dren guid - ed Home to vic - to - ry!

XXXIII.

The Resurrection.

RESPONSIVE READING.

ARISE, shine; for thy light is come,
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee:

But the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.

Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall thy moon withdraw itself:

For the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

WHEN Jesus was dead, the soldiers took his body from the cross and gave it to his friends. Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathæa embalmed it and placed it in a new tomb in Joseph's garden. A large stone was placed against the entrance, and a guard was stationed by the sepulchre. The next day was the last day of the week, the Jewish Sabbath.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

BUT on the first day of the week, at early dawn, Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, came unto the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, while they were perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel: and as they were affrighted, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, saying that the Son of man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

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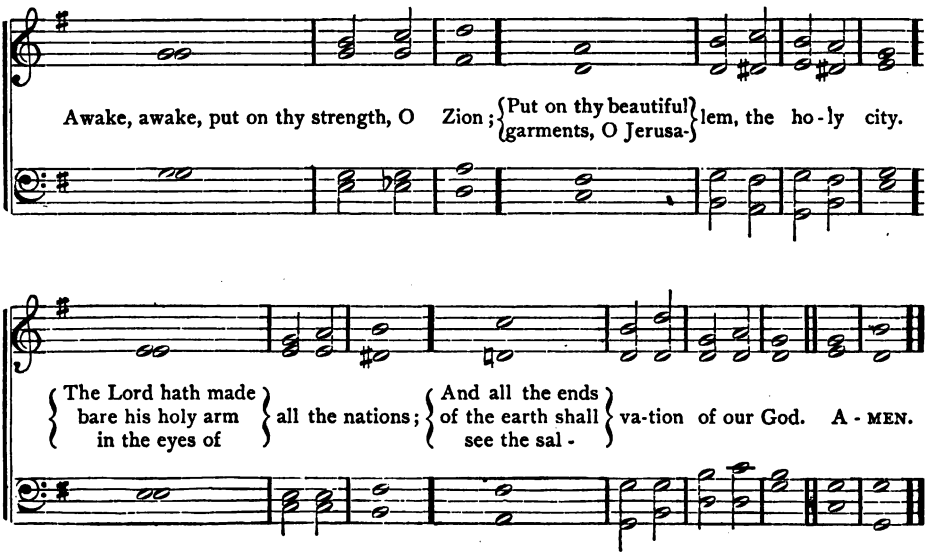


PRAYER.

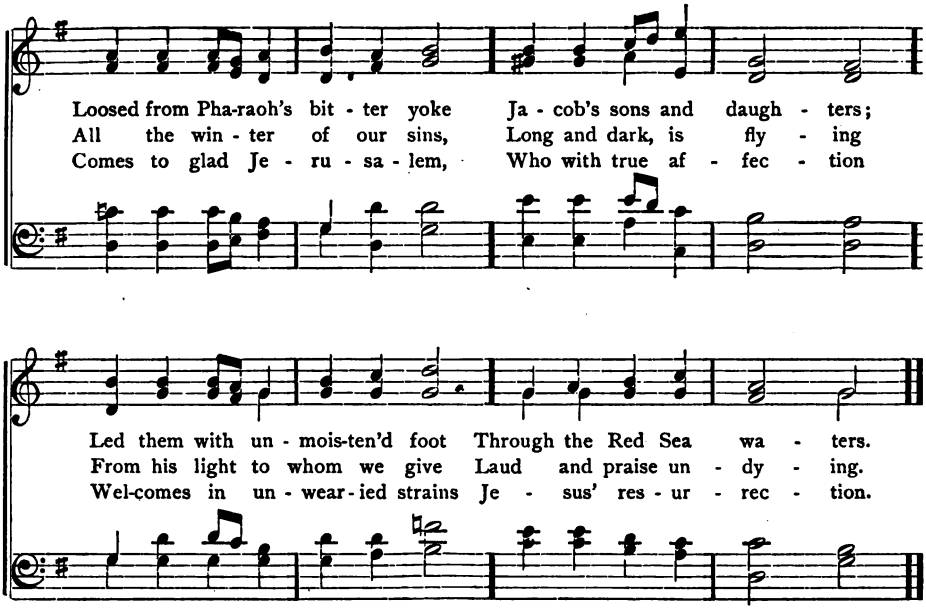
HOLY Father, We thank thee for life, and for all that makes life blessed. Especially do we thank thee to-day for the joy, the hope, and the life inspired by the resurrection from the grave of Jesus, thy well-beloved Son. We thank thee that he conquered death, and brought life and immortality to light. We thank thee for the assurance, from which nothing can move us, that because he lives, we shall live also; that we shall not lose our identity in death; that in the other world we shall see and be seen, know and be known; and that there we cannot be separated from the love of God. And we thank thee for the assurance that the glorious realities of that world will far surpass our fondest hopes; for "it hath not entered into the heart of man to conceive the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." For all this we thank thee. And while we commemorate the fact which has brought such light to our earth, we pray that thou wilt help us and all thy people to walk as children of the light, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

HYMN. "St. Kevin."

JOHN MASON NEALE, D.D. ARTHUR S. SULLIVAN.

1. Come, ye faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri-umph-ant glad-ness!
2. 'T is the spring of souls to-day; Christ hath burst his pris-on,
3. Now the queen of sea-sons, bright With the day of splen-dor,

God hath brought his Is-ra-el In-to joy from sad-ness;
And from three days' sleep in death, As a sun, hath ris-en.
With the roy-al feast of feasts, Comes its joy to ren-der,—


Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
Comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, Who with true af - fec - tion
Led them with un - mois-ten'd foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
From his light to whom we give Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
Wel-comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.

XXXIV.

The Ascension.

RESPONSIVE READING.

THE Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall dwell in safety.

For thou wilt not leave my soul to Sheol; neither wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see corruption.

Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; in thy right hand there are pleasures for ever more.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

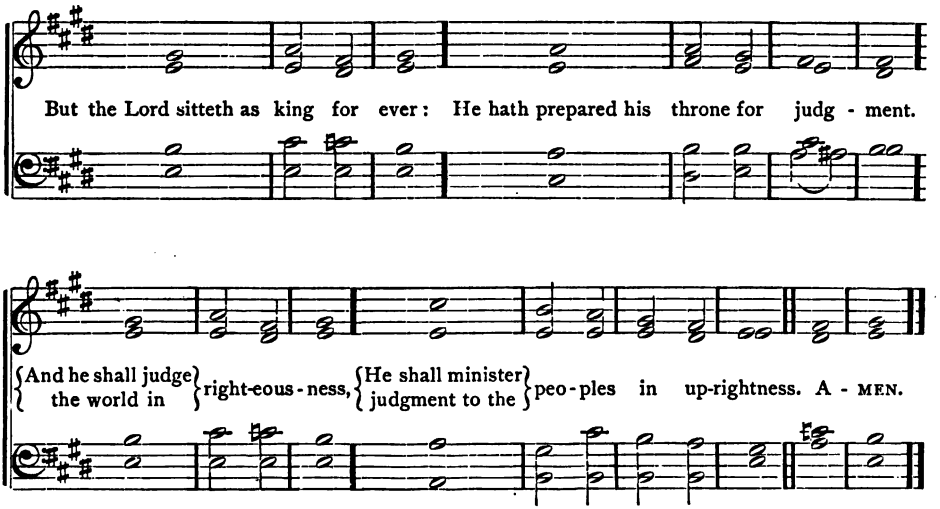
THE women and the disciples who first came to the sepulchre and found that Jesus had risen, carried the tidings to others. During the afternoon of the Resurrection Day Jesus walked and talked with two of the disciples on the way to Emmaus, a little village in the suburbs of the city.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND afterward he was manifested unto the eleven themselves as they sat at meat; and he upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall in no wise hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken unto them, was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word by the signs that followed. AMEN.

CHANT.



PRAYER.

DEAR Lord of life, We thank thee that thy beloved Son could not be held by death nor bound to earth, but arose into the highest and holiest life at thy right hand. We thank thee that we too may soar, on those wings of the soul, looking up and lifting up into the heaven of union with our God; that our lives may be hid with Christ's in thine, and so we shall not taste of death, but shall know eternal and ever-rising life, going on and up from grace unto grace, from glory unto glory. May we all preach, by lip and life, the good news that we are thy children, all men are brothers, Christ is the Saviour of the world. May we have power to cast out evil, and to fill its place with good. May thy great love, which makes rich and strong beyond compare, and causes no harmful or lasting sorrow, dwell in our hearts, and find flowering and fruitage in our words and works. We pray these things, not for ourselves only, but for all thy children, that thou, O Father, may be all in all. AMEN.

HYMN. "Exaltation." *

Rev. ROBERT SEAGRAVE. LEO R. LEWIS.

1. Rise, my soul, and stretch thy wings, Thy bet - ter por - tion trace; . . . .
2. Riv - ers to the o- cean run, Nor stay in all their course; . . .
3. Cease, ye pil - grims! cease to mourn, Press on - ward to the prize; . . . .

Rise from trans - i - to - ry things T'ward heav'n, thy na - tive place:
Fire, as - cend - ing, seeks the sun: Both speed them to their source;
Soon our Sav - iour will re - turn, Tri - umph - ant in the skies!

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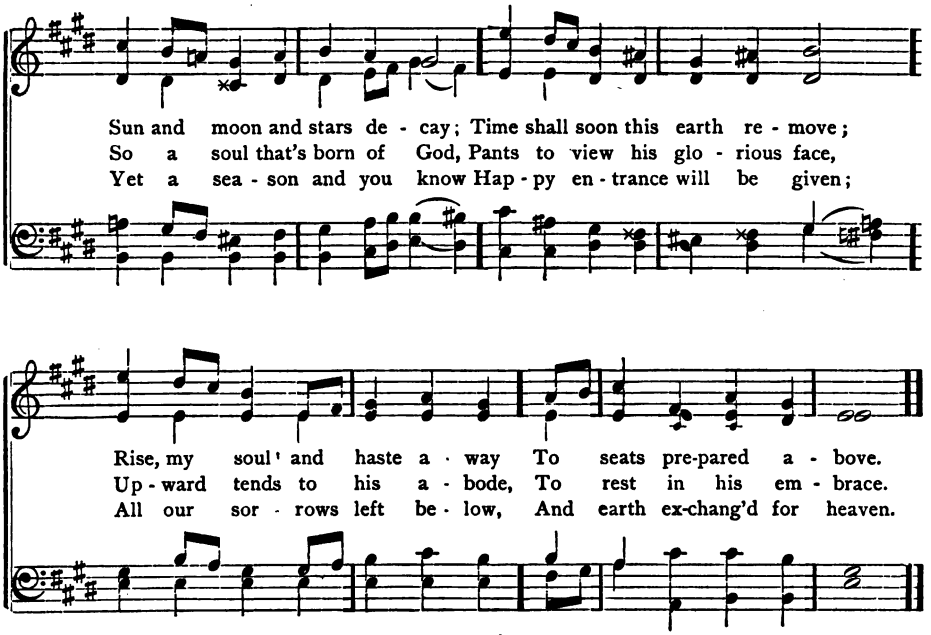
Sun and moon and stars de - cay; Time shall soon this earth re - move;
So a soul that's born of God, Pants to view his glo - rious face,
Yet a sea - son and you know Hap - py en - trance will be given;
Rise, my soul and haste a - way To seats pre-pared a - bove.
Up - ward tends to his a - bode, To rest in his em - brace.
All our sor - rows left be - low, And earth ex-chang'd for heaven.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

I.

The New Year.

RESPONSIVE READING.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep.

We bring our years to an end as a tale that is told.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory upon their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

UPON this first Sunday of the New Year we turn to the great teacher Jesus for guidance and instruction. Let us come to him in the spirit of his first disciples, and read some of the lessons of truth and righteousness which he gave to his disciples in the Sermon on the Mount.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

LAY not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust doth consume, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where

thieves do not break through nor steal: for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also. Therefore I say unto you, Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than the food, and the body than the raiment? Behold the birds of the heaven, that they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; and your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are not ye of much more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit unto his stature? And why are ye anxious concerning raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God doth so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Be not therefore anxious, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? For after all these things do the Gentiles seek; for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Be not therefore anxious for the morrow: for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

RESPONSIVE READING.

For Superintendent, Teachers, and Scholars.

Teachers. — Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Scholars. — For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Superintendent. — Or what man is there of you, who, if his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone; or if he shall ask for a fish, will give him a serpent?

Scholars. — If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Superintendent and Teachers. — All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them.

All. — For this is the law and the prophets.

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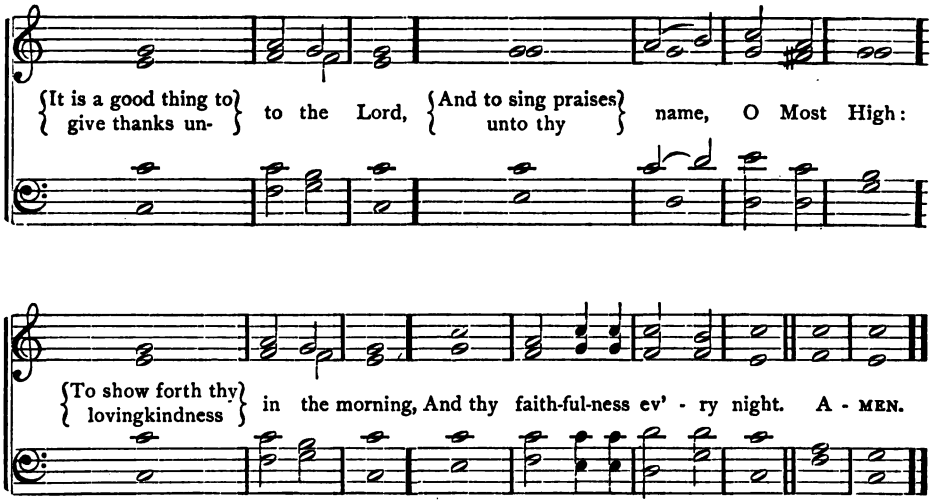
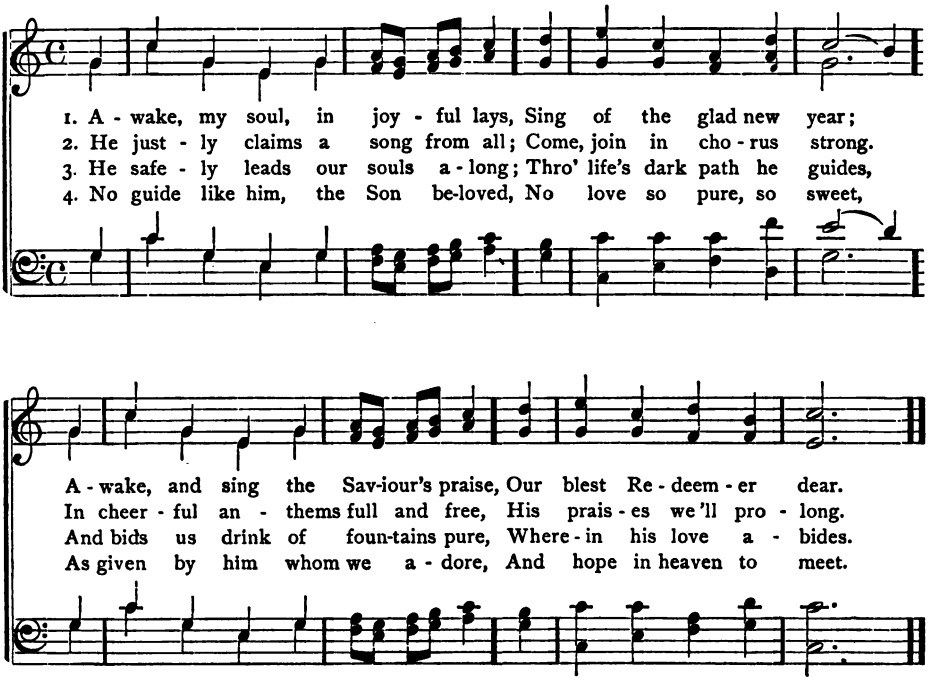


PRAYER.

OUR Father in heaven, Unto thee we come, that we may receive thy blessing as we enter upon this new year. Thou knowest the end from the beginning. We know not what a day may bring forth, yet we have faith that thou doest all things well. We know, O Father, that we have in the past left many things undone that we might have done. We pray that thou wilt forgive us our shortcomings, and that we may hereafter be more mindful of our obligations, and may more faithfully perform all the duties of life. Bless every member of this school, we pray thee. May the present year be one of prosperity. Increase our numbers, O Lord, and give us growth in grace and in knowledge of thy will. Make us strong to meet our own trials, and sympathetic and helpful when others are in trouble. So shall we live well in this world, and lay up treasures in that other world where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. AMEN.

HYMN. "New Year."

From "The Gloria."



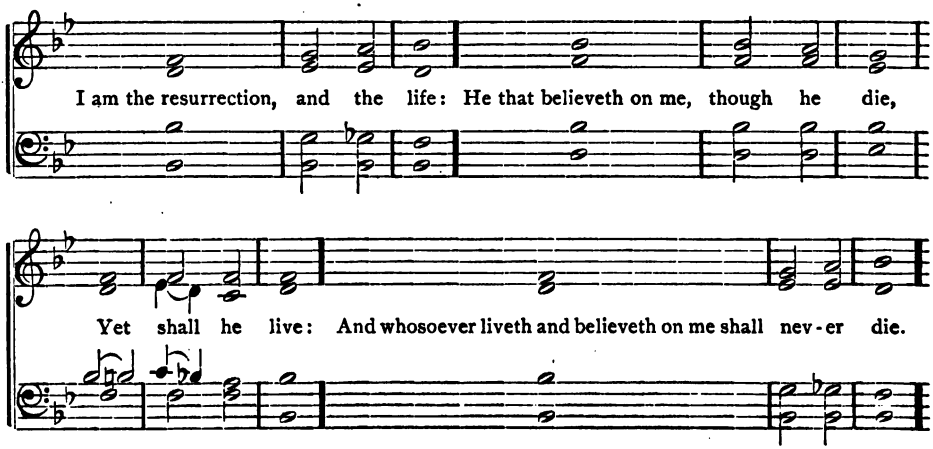
II.

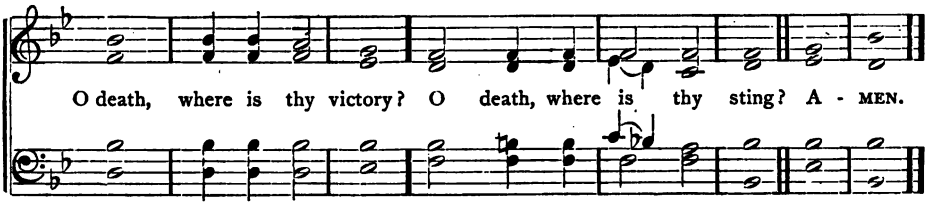
Easter.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

NOW late on the sabbath day, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was as lightning, and his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him the watchers did quake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, who hath been crucified. He is not here; for he is risen, even as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

CHANT.





RESPONSIVE READING.

FOR we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens.

As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

Man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets.

He that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore years; yet is their pride but labour and sorrow.

Whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die.

We spend our years as a tale that is told.

A thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth:

But the word of our God shall stand for ever.

If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most pitiable.

I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

I know that my redeemer liveth.

PRAYER.

O GOD of light and Father of our blessed Saviour, We would be continually praising thee for the gift of thy Son, and for all he taught and did. But to-day we do especially remember and feel grateful for that which Easter day commemorates, — his victory over the grave, and his resurrection from the dead. For the life and immortality thus brought to light, we bless thee. For the sweet assurance we thus have that our vanished friends are not dead, we thank thee. May the hope and promise of this Easter confirm within us the faith that at last we too, victorious over death, shall rise to a blest reunion with those in the land beyond the grave. In the name of the risen Christ we ask all. AMEN.

HYMN. "Easter." *

SOLO AND CHORUS. LEO R. LEWIS.

SOLO.

1. The
2. For

Andante.

night is past, and morn-ing bright The gloom - y clouds has riv'n; Of
Christ is ris'n,— he lives a-gain; The world shall ran-som'd be; The

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im - mor - tal - i - ty the light Beams from the o - pen heav'n.
King of Right-eous-ness shall reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

First time as a SOLO.

There is no death, But life to those who die:

CHORUS (*second time, each verse*).

There is no death, But life to those who die:

Praise be to God, Through Christ the vic - to - ry.

Praise be to God, Through Christ the vic - to - ry.

III.

Children's Sunday.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND they brought unto him little children, that he should touch them: and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was moved with indignation, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein. And he took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

And the disciples came unto Jesus, saying, Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And he called to him a little child, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

HYMN. "Goodwin." *

For the Children.

Mrs. Jemima Luke. Leo R. Lewis.

1. I think when I read that sweet sto - ry of old, When
2. I wish that his hands had been placed on my head, That his
3. Yet still to his foot - stool in pray'r I may go, And

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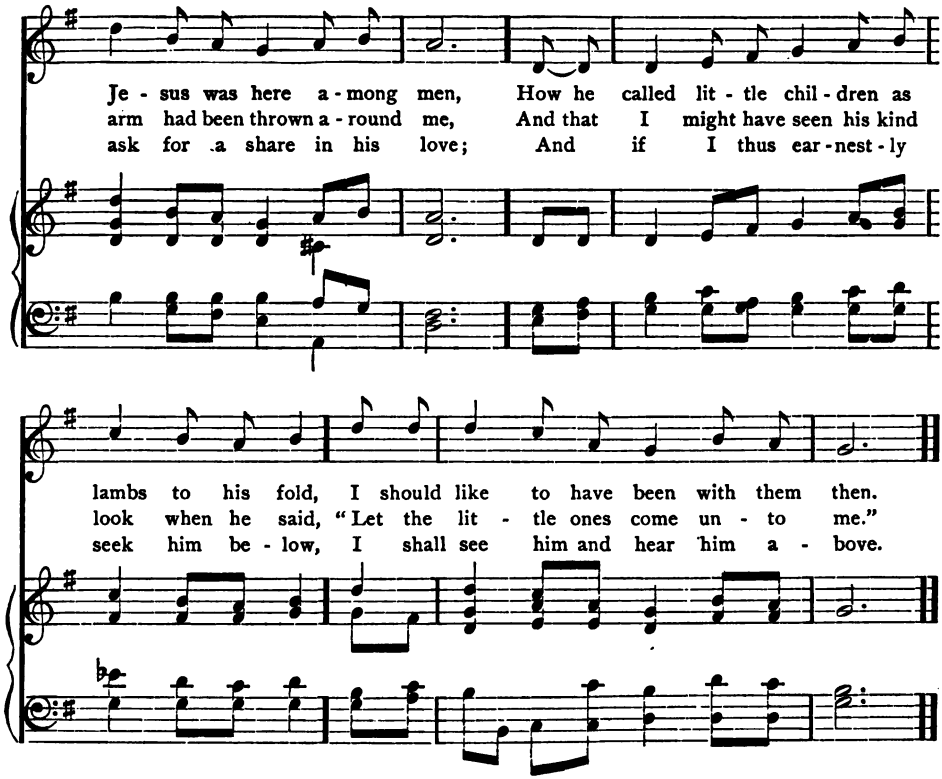


RESPONSIVE READING.

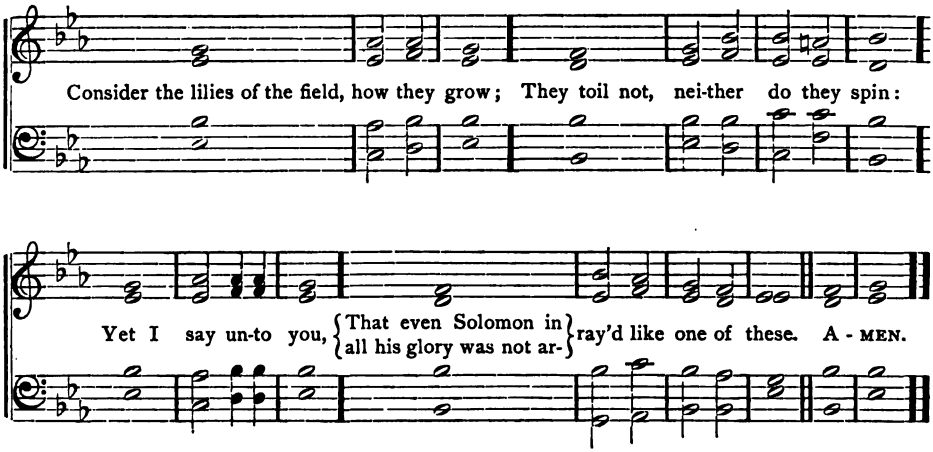
TEACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity, and quicken me in thy ways.
Confirm thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to the fear of thee.

Turn away my reproach whereof I am afraid; for thy judgments are good.
Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

CHANT.

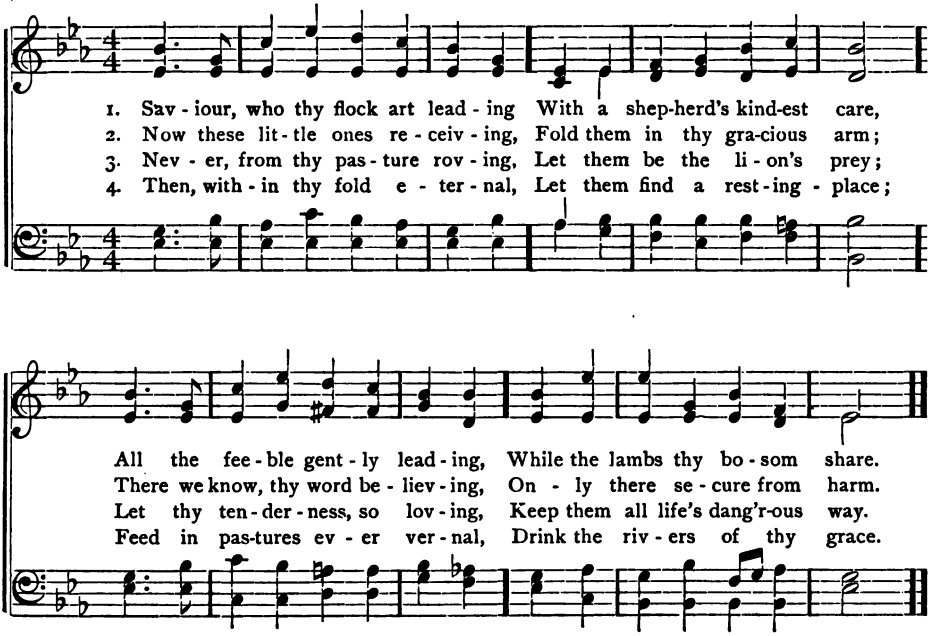


PRAYER.

O THOU that hearest prayer, Unto thee shall all flesh come. The aged shall bring to thee the deep experience of their years; the strong man shall lay his trials and his joys at thy feet; and the little children shall fearlessly look up to thee and put their trust in thy wisdom and love. O Shepherd of Israel, we bless thee that thou dost lead thy people like a flock, and carry the young lambs in thy bosom. Guard tenderly, we beseech thee, these lambs that are given into thine arms to-day. Lead them in green pastures, and by still waters; and if they should wander from thy fold, O seek thou after them, and forsake them not until thou bring them back, to wander no more. May the seal of thy love be upon them, and the dews of thy grace nourish them, that they may grow up into thee, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Sanctify to all our hearts, our Father, the beautiful lessons of this day. Teach us to behold thy love in all the blessings that surround us, — in the beauty of the flowers, in the warmth and glory of the summer, in the dear friends thou hast given to love us and care for us. May our lives blossom with good deeds, and with love to each other and to thee. Lead us all by thy wisdom here below, and at last receive us into thy great fold above, through Jesus our Redeemer. AMEN.

HYMN. "Sychar."

Rev. William A. Muhlenberg. Rev. J. B. Dykes.



IV.

All Souls' Day.

RESPONSIVE READING.

AS in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

The last enemy that shall be abolished is death.

As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

But when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality,

Then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

AND I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God: and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

JESUS said, I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep. He that is a hireling, and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, beholdeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth, and the wolf snatcheth them, and scattereth them: he fleeth because he is a hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know mine own, and mine own know me, even as the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and they shall become one flock, one shepherd.

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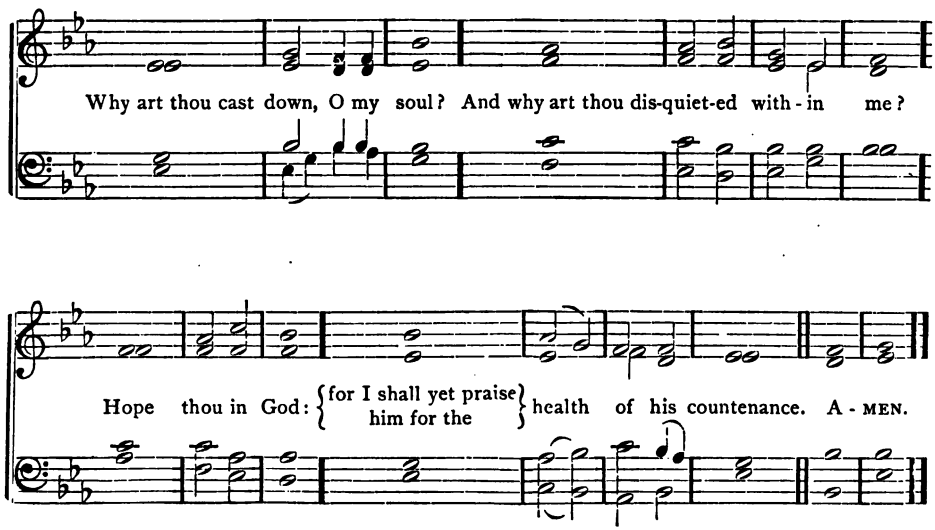
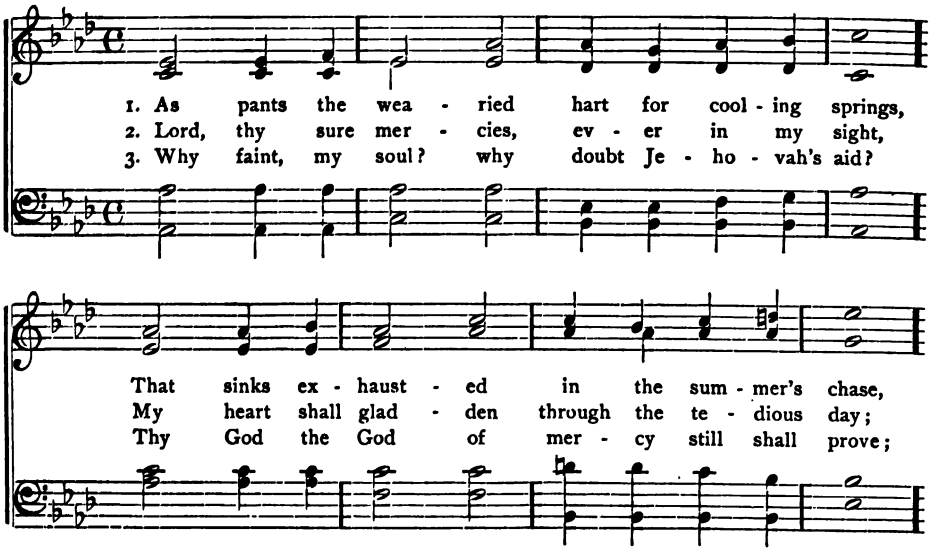


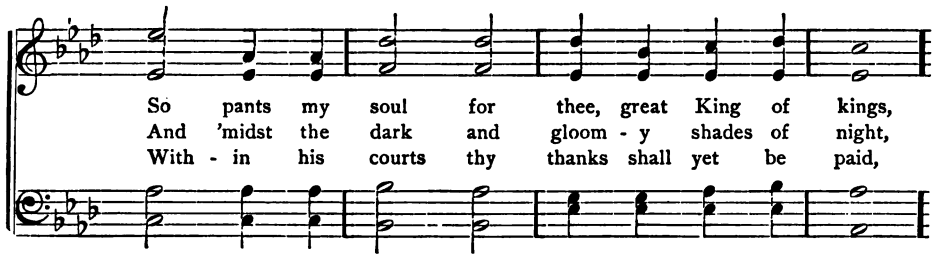
PRAYER.

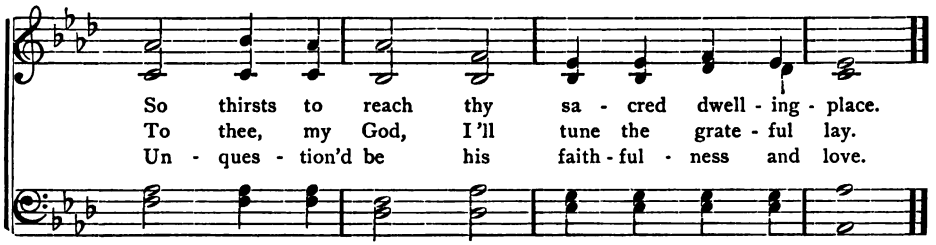
OUR Creator and our Father, thou who hast made all Souls, and whose children we all are, We thank thee for this blessèd day. We thank thee for the words of the inspired prophet, who has assured us that all souls are thine; and for the teachings of thy Son, who has instructed us to call thee our Father. In this hour of fervent devotion our souls go out to thee in gratitude and joy. We bless thee that our hearts are created for goodness; and wilt thou aid us to get good from the gifts of thy love. We would enrich our souls with the fruits of peace and love, hope and faith. May we never be so overcome by sorrow as to despair; and when the night of death comes, may we find our comfort in him who is the Resurrection and the Life. And, we beseech thee, help us ever to remember that thou dwellest in all worlds, and that in thine own time thy Holy Spirit will seek out all souls and bring them to holiness and happiness. In this faith may we all rejoice. For this faith may we all labor and sacrifice, till we all attain unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. AMEN.

HYMN. "As pants the wearied Hart."

E. J. HOPKINS.




So pants my soul for thee, great King of kings,
And 'midst the dark and gloom - y shades of night,
With - in his courts thy thanks shall yet be paid,


So thirsts to reach thy sa - cred dwell - ing - place.
To thee, my God, I 'll tune the grate - ful lay.
Un - ques - tion'd be his faith - ful - ness and love.

V.

Thanksgiving.

RESPONSIVE READING AND CHANT.

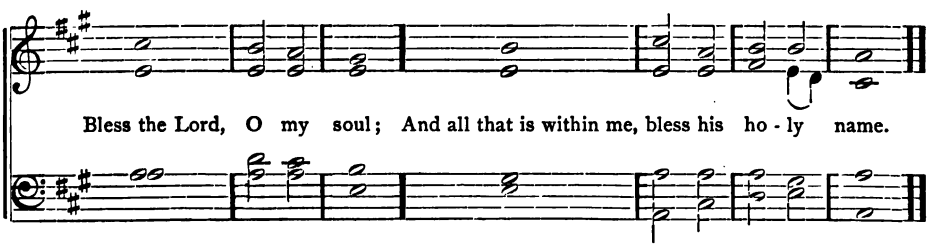
KNOW ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

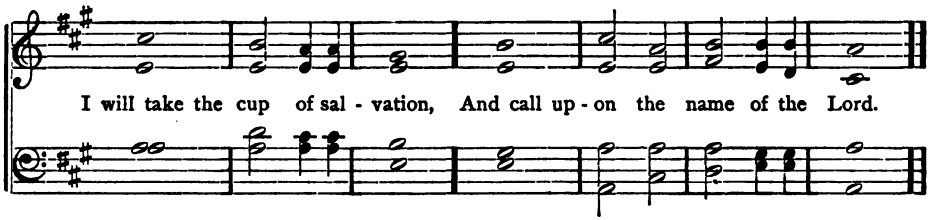
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: give thanks unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy endureth for ever; and his faithfulness unto all generations.

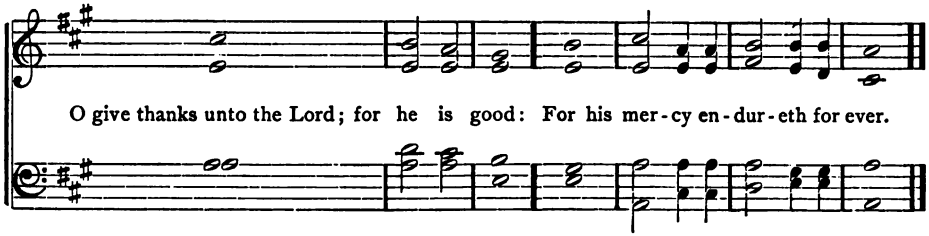
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies.



What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?



Thy name, O Lord, endureth for ever; thy memorial, O Lord, throughout all generations. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handywork.

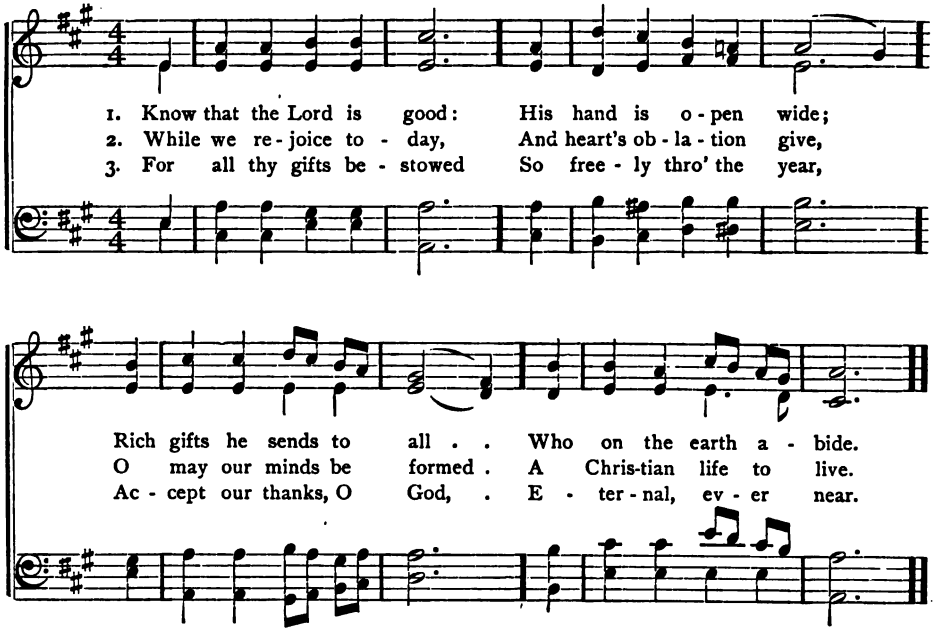


SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

WITH one consent, and with our whole heart, we give thee thanks and praise thy holy name. The outgoings of the morning and of the evening magnify thee, and the witness of thy providence is in the goodness that crowns the year. Thou hast so ordered the fading leaf of autumn, and the snow and cold of winter, as to make the spring beautiful and the summer bountiful. And while we rejoice that the reaper filleth his hand, and that he bindeth sheaves in his bosom, we gratefully acknowledge that the seed of the sower, and bud and bloom and rain and sunshine and fruitful seasons are all, O God, from thee.

HYMN. "Thanksgiving."

From "The Gloria."

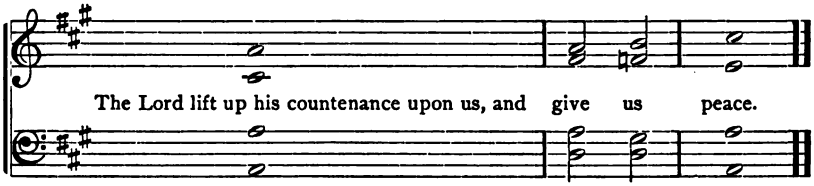


PRAYER.

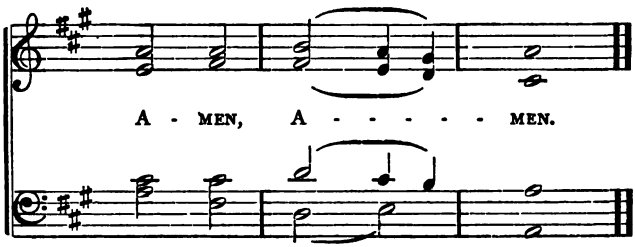
FATHER of all, We give thee hearty thanks for the care thou hast exercised over us during the past year. Thou hast been ever with us, and hast bestowed upon us numberless blessings. O keep us ever mindful of thine infinite love, and perfect our trust in thee. In return for all thy favors, O Father, thou askest that we should worship thee in spirit and in truth. O may we be able so to worship thee, not only in praise and prayer, but in the lives we live. And as we are true to thee, so shall we be faithful to our friends and generous in our sympathies and charities. In the name of Jesus, our Teacher and Redeemer, we ask all. AMEN.

RESPONSIVE READING AND CHANT.

THE Lord bless us and keep us: the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us:



Now unto the King eternal, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever.



VI.

Christmas.

RESPONSIVE READING.

FOR behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people:
But the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.
And nations shall come to thy light,
And kings to the brightness of thy rising.
The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek:
He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord: to comfort all that mourn.
Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem:
For the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all nations;
And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

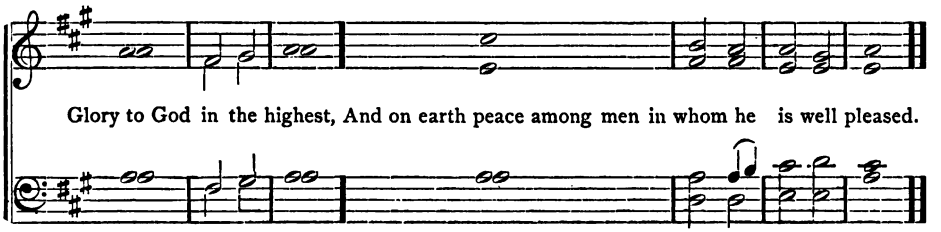
SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

WE are holding in precious memory to-day the birth of our Saviour. In some places the day is ushered in with merry Christmas songs, and in very many churches in the Old World and the New, a solemn religious service is held, in which the worshippers are reminded that nearly two thousand years ago the Prince of Peace was born, and that ever since that time the light of his blessed gospel

has been shining on the earth. Our hearts should be full of gladness this day. As we think of the holy child Jesus, and how the star shone to guide the wise men to the Babe of Bethlehem, our hearts should indeed be glad with an exultant joy.

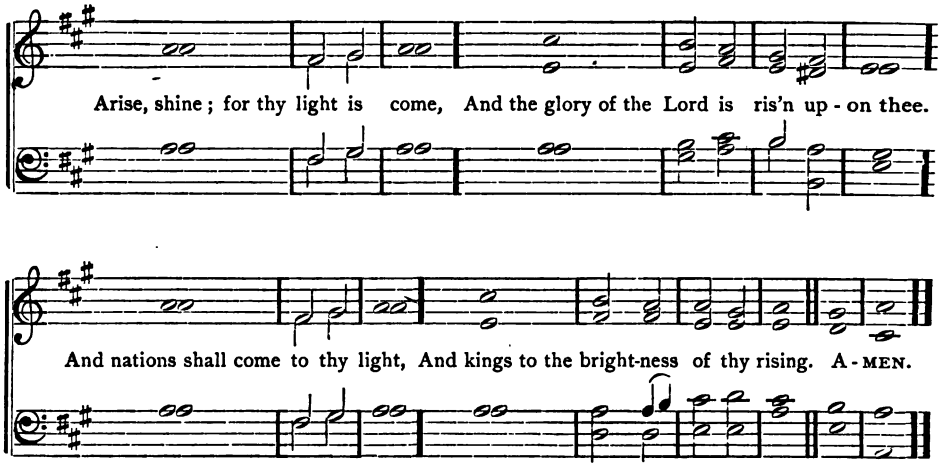
SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

AND there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this is the sign unto you; Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,



And it came to pass, when the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. And when they saw it, they made known concerning the saying which was spoken to them about this child. And all that heard it wondered at the things which were spoken unto them by the shepherds.

CHANT.



PRAYER.

O THOU who art our Father, and the Father of the spirits of all flesh, We come to thee with grateful hearts on this glad day as we call to mind the birth of thy dear Son who came to be the Saviour of the world. We thank thee that thou didst so love the world as to send him, our Lord Jesus Christ, that we might believe, and have eternal life. And this is life eternal, that we know thee the only true God, and him whom thou didst send, even Jesus Christ. We pray that our hearts may be so filled with holy love that we may try to bring peace on earth by our kind words and useful deeds; thus evermore making our lives an anthem of praise. Bless our Sunday School, we pray thee. Bless the absent and the present members; bless the teachers and the taught; and grant that we all may have thy spirit in our hearts, and the light of thy gospel on our earthly pathway. May we keep Christmas by cherishing and exhibiting a spirit of good-will to all. And when we no longer keep Christmas on earth, permit us, according to thy purpose and thy promise, to keep Christmas in a fairer land, in the Father's house with its many mansions, where we shall see him whom, having not seen, we love and strive to follow. AMEN.

HYMN. "Gloria."

P. A. H. Arranged from "The Gloria."

1. Hail we now the time of glad-ness, When the Prince of Peace was born;
2. Hark! the song o'er earth is sound-ing: "Glo-ry be to God on high!"
3. Ev - er-more, in word and spir-it, May our mu-sic sweet-ly chime
4. And when here our songs are end-ed, In a world of light a - bove

When the truth o'er earth was dawn-ing, And the an-gels bless'd the morn.
Chil-dren's voic-es join the cho-rus Of the an-gels in the sky.
With the song that woke the hill-sides When be-gan the Christ-mas time.
We will sing his praise who gave us Christ, to teach that God is love.

VII.

Anniversary.*

RESPONSIVE READING.

BLESSED be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised:

There hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us:

That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the Lord, be nigh unto the Lord our God day and night;

That all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord, he is God; there is none else.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

WE meet to-day to commemorate good people and good work of the past. As the blessings we enjoy arose in small beginnings, and were bought at a great price of labor and sacrifice, so we, in our day and generation, ought to add something to that which the future is to receive from us, even though it cost us a similar outlay of time and effort.

* This Service is also adapted for use on any anniversary occasion, — Fourth of July, Founding of an Institution, etc.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

IN the mean while the disciples prayed him, saying, Rabbi, eat. But Jesus said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not. The disciples therefore said one to another, Hath any man brought him aught to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to accomplish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white already unto harvest. He that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. For herein is the saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye have not laboured: others have laboured, and ye are entered into their labour.

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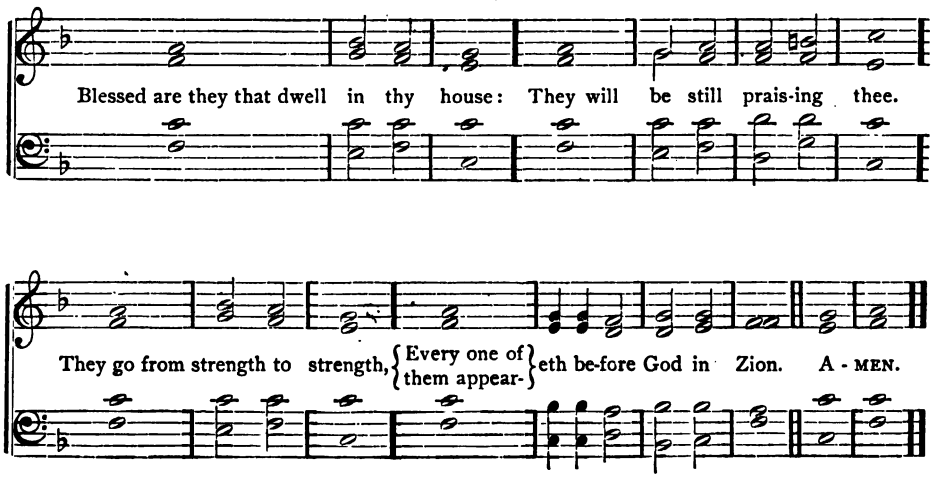
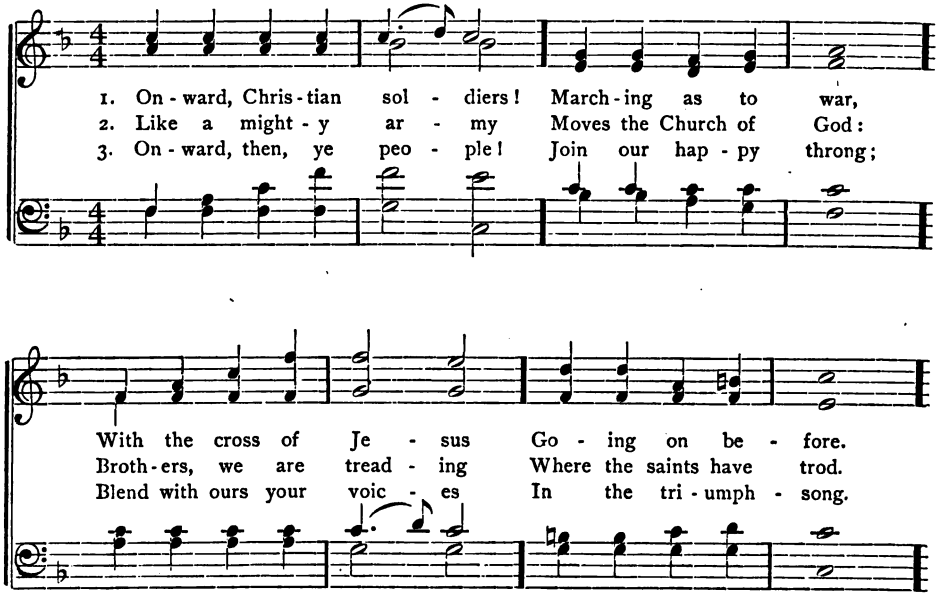


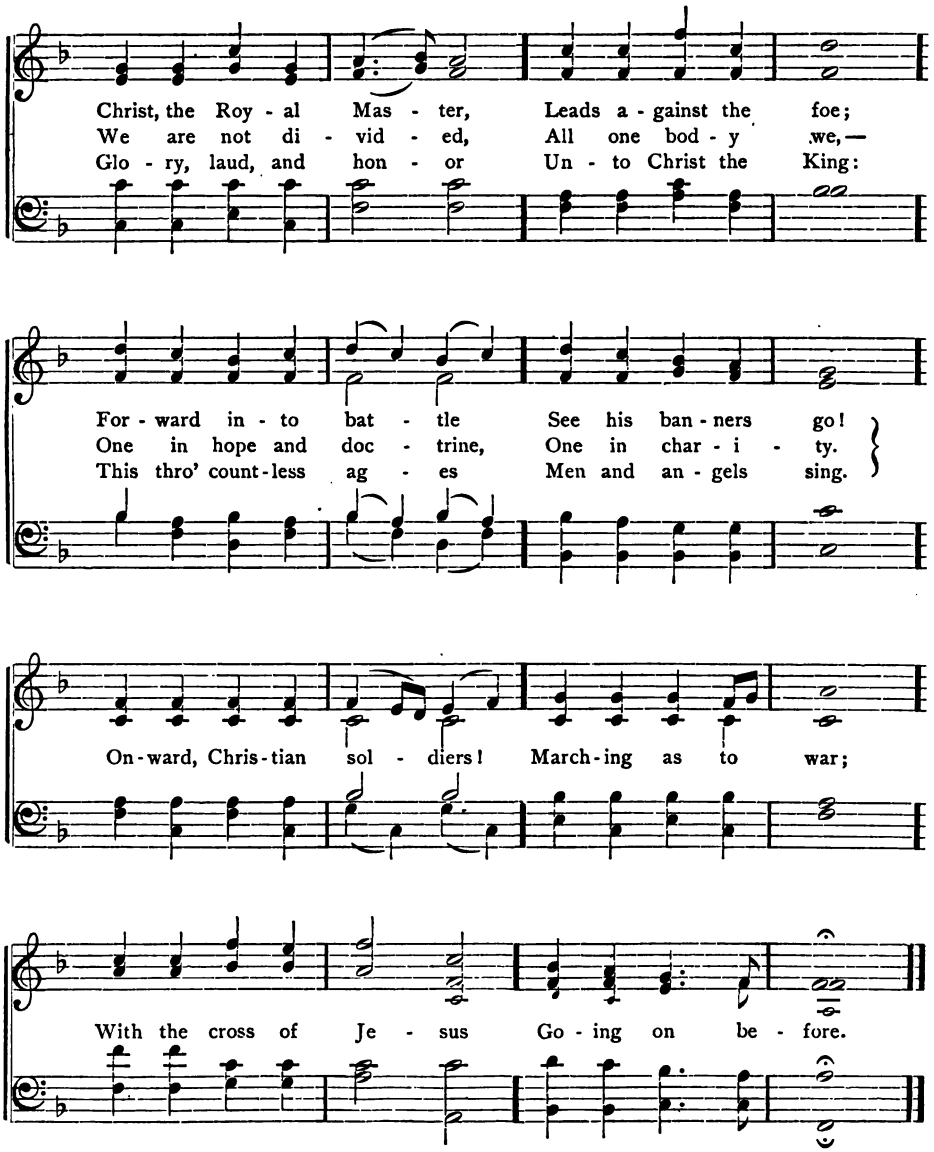
PRAYER.

OUR Father who art in heaven, We beseech thee that thou wilt crown the services of this day with thy blessing. May our hearts be filled with gratitude for the past, and with zeal to labor for the future. We thank thee that thou didst establish the work of our fathers' hands. Establish and perpetuate, we pray thee, the work of our hands. We realize to-day that there is an immortality on earth as well as an immortality in heaven. Help us to be faithful and devoted, that we may attain unto this earthly immortality. Thus may those who meet on this anniversary day in future years have cause to remember us, as we now have cause to remember those who gave themselves for our welfare and happiness. In the name of Jesus we ask all. AMEN.

HYMN. "St. Gertrude."

Rev. S. BARING-GOULD. ARTHUR S. SULLIVAN.




Christ, the Roy - al Mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;
We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,—
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ the King:
For - ward in - to bat - tle See his ban - ners go!
One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.
This thro' count - less ag - es Men and an - gels sing.
On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers! March - ing as to war;
With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

VIII.

Mission or Charity Sunday.

RESPONSIVE READING.

WHOSO hath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him?

God loveth the cheerful giver.

To do good and to communicate forget not:

For with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation.

He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

It is more blessed to give than to receive.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

THE Bible is full of exhortation and pleading to men to be generous and self-sacrificing. But the life and teachings of our blessed Saviour are the fountains from which we draw our highest inspiration and most perfect example in well-doing. To those who are walking in the darkness of error we are to carry or send the light of truth; to those who are in need of material aid we are to give ready assistance. With open hand and loving heart we are ever to follow in the path Jesus trod.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

THEN shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or athirst, and gave thee drink? And when saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? And when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me.

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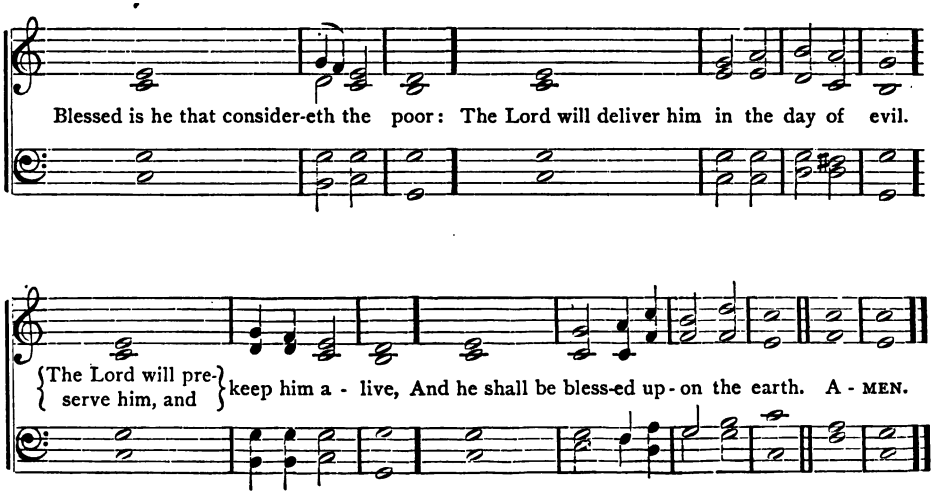
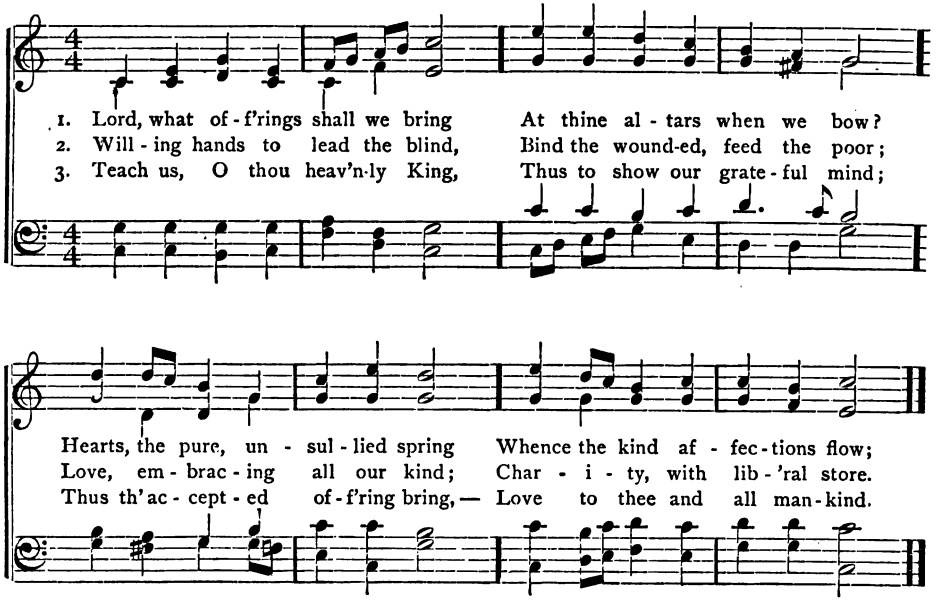


PRAYER.

INFINITE and universal Father, We thank thee that thou hast made of one every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth. Praise be unto thee that thou hast never left thyself without a witness in any human heart. From of old men have called themselves thy offspring. But the complete revelation of thy fatherhood thou hast made through our elder brother, Jesus Christ. O may we, with his prayer in our hearts, call upon thee as our Father. May we realize that all are thy children; that in Christ there is neither rich nor poor, bond nor free, but one family. And may we be tenderly affectioned one to another, in love of the brethren. Help us to know that as one member suffers, all the members suffer; that as one member is honored, all the members rejoice. For then we shall be able so to order our service and our gifts that suffering may cease, and righteousness, truth, and joy may rule in all hearts. In the name of him who gave himself for us, we ask all. AMEN.

HYMN. "Charity."

JOHN TAYLOR. GERMAN.



IX.

Temperance.

RESPONSIVE READING.

BE not among winebibbers; among gluttonous eaters of flesh:

For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath complaining? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek out mixed wine.

Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it goeth down smoothly:

At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

SUPERINTENDENT'S READING.

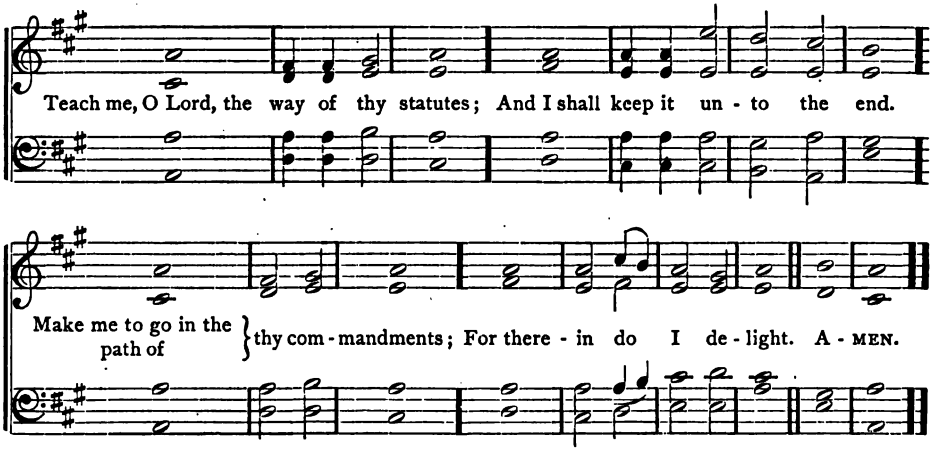
FROM the time of the disgrace of Noah to our day drunkenness has been the curse of humanity. History, Philosophy, and Religion lift up warning voices against the use of strong drink. It becomes us therefore as a school frequently to remind ourselves of our danger and our duty: our danger if we ourselves are tempted; our duty to put forth vigorous efforts to stop the manufacture, sale, and use by others of liquors as a beverage. To this good end may God bless our present service.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

LET us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge ye this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock in his brother's way, or an occasion of falling. I know, and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean of itself: save that to him who accounteth anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. For if because of meat thy brother is grieved, thou walkest no longer in love. Overthrow not for meat's sake the work of God. It is good not to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor to do anything whereby thy brother stumbleth.

Now we that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us please his neighbour for that which is good, unto edifying. For Christ also pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell upon me.

CHANT.



PRAYER.

O THOU merciful Father, who didst send Jesus into the world to save thy people from their sins, Keep us forever, we pray thee, from the great sin of intemperance. Give us power also to aid toward repentance and reformation those who have already fallen into temptation. Stay, we beseech thee, the sad havoc strong drink is making throughout our beloved land. Impart wisdom to our law-makers, that they may give us statutes intended to suppress the traffic in strong drink; and cause our officials to be faithful in carrying out those laws. Bless the instruction in temperance given in the public schools. Grant thine aid, O helper of the helpless, to thy churches and Sunday schools everywhere. May they all do our blessed Redeemer's work, — lift up the fallen, rescue the perishing, and restore the lost. Thus may thy kingdom come and thy will be done on earth as in heaven. AMEN.

HYMN. "God Speed the Right."

FROM AN OLD TUNE.

1. Now to heav'n our pray'r as - cend - ing, God speed the right!
2. Be that pray'r a - gain re - peat - ed,— God speed the right!
3. Still our on - ward course pur - su - ing, God speed the right!

In a no - ble cause con - tend - ing, God speed the right!
Ne'er des - pair - ing, tho' de - feat - ed. God speed the right!
Ev' - ry foe at length sub - du - ing, God speed the right!

Be our zeal in heav'n re - cord - ed, With suc - cess on earth re - ward - ed.
Like the good and great in sto - ry, If we fail, we fail with glo - ry.
Truth our cause, what-e'er de - lay it, There's no pow'r on earth can stay it.

God speed the right! God speed the right.
God speed the right! God speed the right.
God speed the right! God speed the right.

X.

The Death of a Scholar.

HYMN. "Murray." *

FOR A QUARTETTE OR SEMI-CHORUS.

LUCY LARCOM. LEO R. LEWIS.

1. When for me the si - lent oar Parts the si - lent riv - er,
2. Can the ties that make us here Know our-selves im - mor - tal,
3. He who plants with - in our hearts All this deep af - fec - tion,

And I stand up - on the shore Of the strange for - ev - er,
Drop a - way like fo - liage sere At life's in - ner por - tal?
Giv-ing, when the form de - parts, Fade - less rec - ol - lec - tion,

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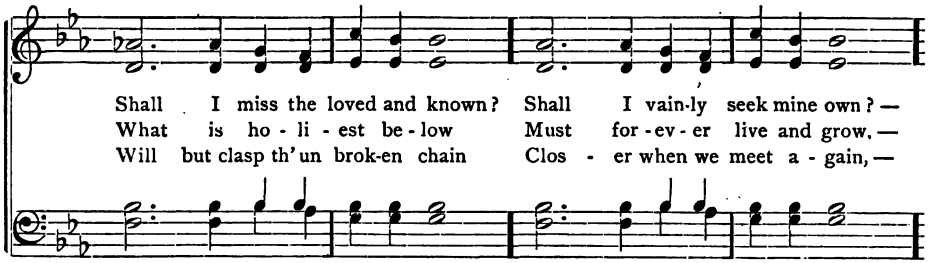

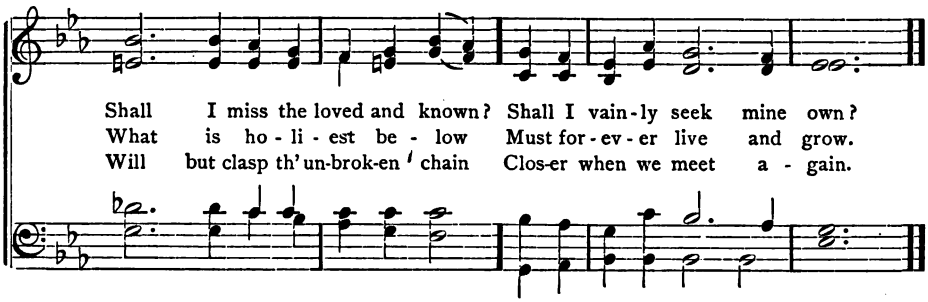

RESPONSIVE READING.

BOW down thine ear, O Lord, and answer me; for I am poor and needy.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord; for unto thee do I cry all the day long.

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and hearken unto the voice of my supplications.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee; for thou wilt answer me.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with my whole heart; and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort them that are in any affliction, through the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound unto us, even so our comfort also aboundeth through Christ. But if we be afflicted, it is for our comfort and salvation. For our light affliction, which is for the moment, worketh for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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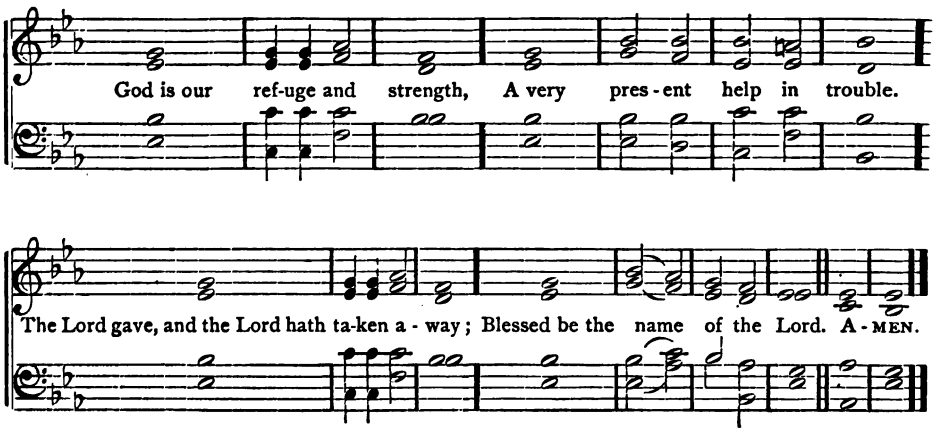


PRAYER.

OUR heavenly Father, We thank thee for the assurance that thine ear is ever open to receive our humble prayers. As a bereaved school we bow before thee at this hour, supplicating that comfort and consolation which thou alone canst give. We are taught in thy holy book that thou dost not willingly grieve nor afflict

the children of men. O our Father, strengthen our faith in this word of thine, now that thou hast sent trouble amongst us. Help us to look beyond the river to that fairer land where there is no more sickness, nor sorrow, nor death. Inspire us to look up with confidence, and, though tears bedim our eyes, humbly to say, Not our will, but thine, O God, be done. We offer our petitions as disciples of him who when on earth wept with those who wept, — our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

HYMN. "Eventide."

Rev. H. F. LYTE. W. H. MONK.

1. A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide; The dark-ness deep - ens:
2. I need thy pres - ence ev' - ry pass - ing hour. What like thy grace to
3. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and

Lord, with me a - bide! When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts
com - fort me hath pow'r? Who like thy - self my guide and stay can
tears no bit - ter - ness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to -

After last verse.

flee, Help of the help-less, O, a - bide with me!
be? Through cloud and sun - shine, O, a - bide with me!
ry? I tri - umph still if thou a - bide with me. A - MEN.

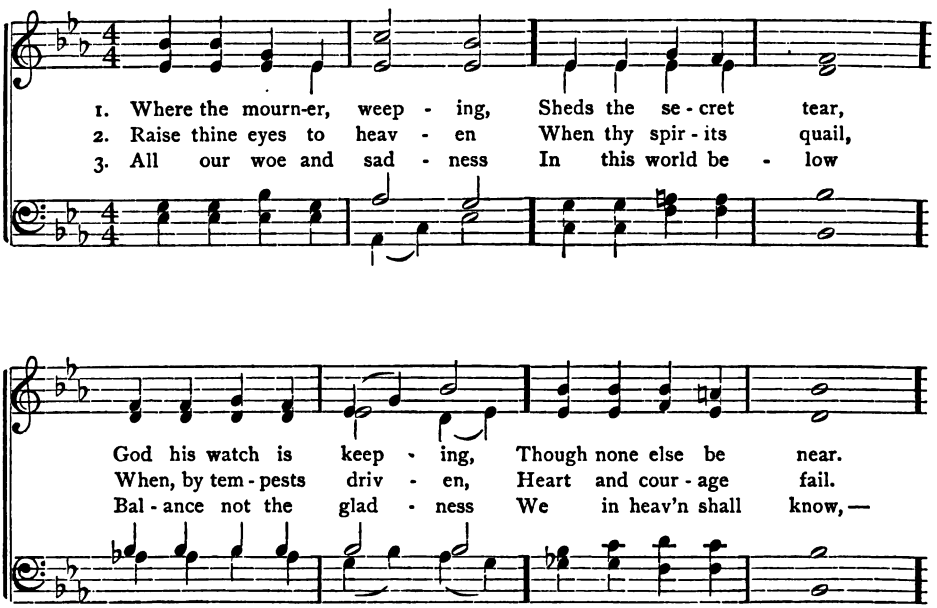
XI.

The Death of an Officer or Teacher.

HYMN. "When the mourner, weeping." *

FOR A QUARTETTE OR SEMI-CHORUS.

From the German of OSWALD, by FRANCES E. COX. LEO R. LEWIS.



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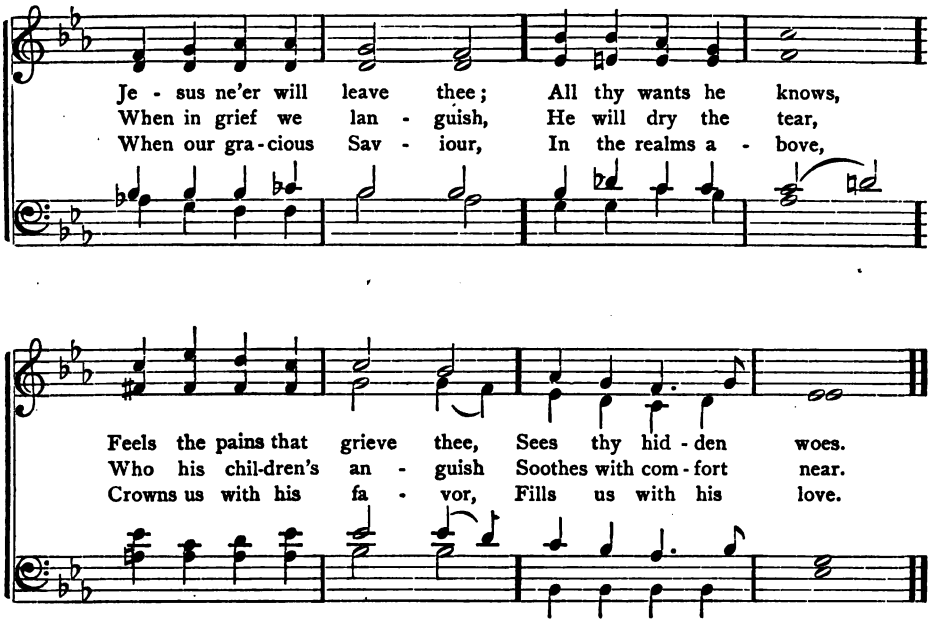

RESPONSIVE READING.

THE Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he guideth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou hast anointed my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SELECTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive; for it beholdeth him not, neither knoweth him: ye know him; for he abideth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you desolate: I come unto you. Yet a little while, and the world beholdeth me no more; but ye behold me: because I live, ye shall live also.

These things have I spoken unto you, while yet abiding with you. But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.

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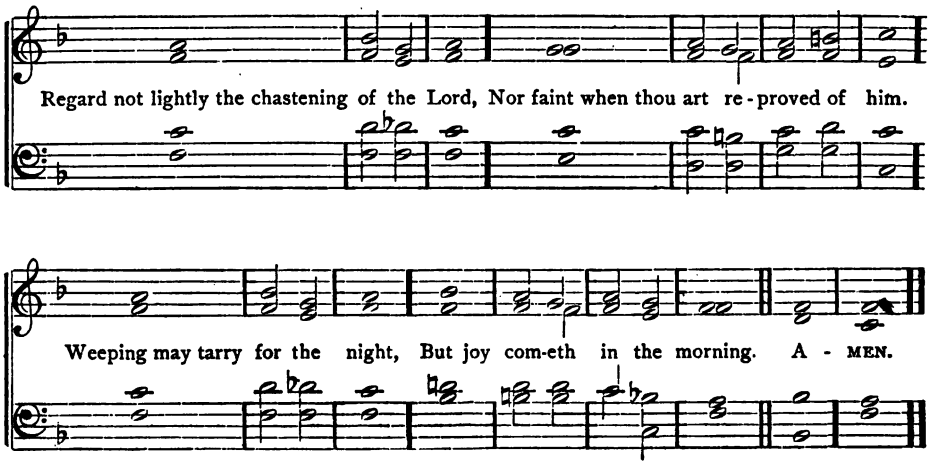

PRAYER.

OUR Father in heaven, Thou art the helper of all who put their trust in thee, and thou art our sure comforter in time of trial and bereavement. Graciously hear our petition now, and grant us the aid we need to sustain us in this hour of sadness. Thou hast, in thy wise providence, taken from us a devoted Christian, a faithful friend. The familiar face we shall see no more. We mourn the loss, but not as those who have no hope; for we may seek thee and thy word, and find true and lasting consolation. Help us to see that thou doest all things well. May the loss we now sustain be a means of drawing us nearer to thee. And when the duties and trials of life are ended, gather us to thyself, to live where there is no more sickness, nor sorrow, nor death, in a world without end. We ask all in his name who said, I am the resurrection and the life. AMEN.

HYMN. "Hursley."

Rev. JOHN KEBLE. Arr. by W. H. MONK.

1. Sun of my soul, thou Sav-iour dear, It is not night if thou be near;
2. A - bide with me from morn till eve, For with-out thee I can-not live;
3. Come near and bless us when we wake, Ere thro' the world our way we take,

After 3d verse.

O may no earth-born cloud a - rise To hide thee from thy ser-vant's eyes!
A-bide with me when death is nigh, For with out thee I dare not die.
Till in the o - cean of thy love We lose our-selves in heav'n a - bove. A - MEN.

INFANT CLASS SERVICES.

PREPARED BY MRS. A. G. LEWIS.

I.

The Birth of Jesus.

TEACHER'S READING.

MANY years ago King Herod sent word to Joseph and Mary, who lived at Nazareth, that they must come to Bethlehem, a city eighty miles away, and sign their names for the payment of a tax. When Joseph and Mary came to Bethlehem, the inn and the houses were full of people, and the only shelter they could find was in a stable.

The darkness came on, and the hush of night rested upon Bethlehem, when suddenly a great light shone above the stable home, making it brighter than day; and a host of shining angels came to tell the good news that God had sent to Joseph and Mary a little babe who was to be the Saviour and king of the whole world.

And the angels sang sweet music, full of joy and gladness.

There were shepherds who saw the great light and who heard the angels singing. They hurried to the stable and found the Holy Babe lying in a manger. And they knelt down and thanked God for sending this wondrous gift to the world, the babe Jesus.

RESPONSIVE READING.

GOD is our Father.
His home is in heav-en.
We all are God's children.
We love him be-cause he is our good Fath-er.
He sent Jesus from heaven to live on the earth,
When Je-sus was a lit-tle child,
To teach little children how to live in the right way.
We will try to learn of him.

READING IN UNISON.

GOD sent from heav-'n the Christ and King,
A ba-by boy.
He sent bright an-gels down to sing
Glad songs of joy.
Thanks be to God! This gift so free
Is giv'n for all, — for you and me.

PRAYER.

DEAR Fath-er in heav-en, We thank thee for the love which brings us to-geth-er in our Sun-day School to-day. We thank thee for keep-ing us safe-ly through the past week. Help us, dear Fath-er, to know more a-bout thy great love. We bless thee for send-ing dear Je-sus from heav-en to teach us how to live in the right way. Through all the days of the com-ing week may we re-mem-ber what we learn in our Sun-day School, and try to live bet-ter each day. We ask all in the name of Je-sus. A-MEN.

HYMN. "Angels from Heaven." *

Joyously. LEO R. LEWIS.

1. An-gels from their home in heav-en Some-times come on flut-t'ring wing
2. Ten-der, lov-ing thoughts they bring me From their shin-ing world a-bove,
3. And I think I know the rea-son Why God keeps them from my sight, —

Down to earth to tell some sto-ry, Some sweet word to bring.
That no song or voice could tell me, Of God's care and love.
I might be in haste to live there, In that world of light.

Though I do not hear a whis-per, Nor their fair bright forms can see,
And I know that I can trust him, Tho' his face I can-not see;
I must wait a lit-tle long-er, Till I 've learn'd God's les-sons well;

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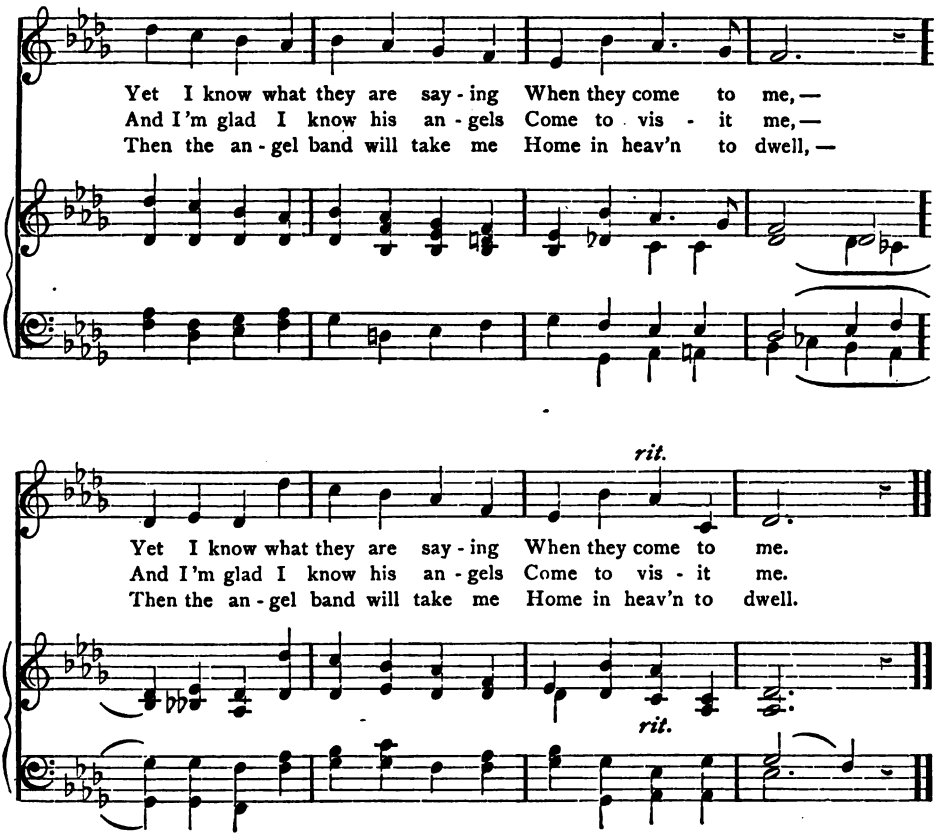
Yet I know what they are say - ing When they come to me, —
And I 'm glad I know his an - gels Come to vis - it me, —
Then the an - gel band will take me Home in heav'n to dwell, —
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II.

The Star of Bethlehem.

TEACHER'S READING.

THERE were wise men, who came many miles to visit the Holy Child Jesus. They came because they saw a very bright star shining in the sky, brighter than any they had ever seen before. Night by night they journeyed towards the star, which at last led them to Bethlehem. It shone just above the stable where the baby Jesus lay. And the wise men, who were themselves princes and nobles, knelt at the feet of Mary and before the babe Jesus, in the humble stable home, and offered gifts to Jesus whom they were glad to honor as king.

RESPONSIVE READING.

GOD is love.
He loves all the peo-ple in the world.
He sent Jesus to be the king of the world.
Je-sus is the king of love.
We should obey our king,
And love him too.
Herod ruled by hate,
And no one could love him.
Jesus rules by love,
And we all must love him.
Jesus is the king we will seek.
We will bless and hon-or him for-ev-er.

READING IN UNISON.

STAR of the East, shine bright-ly,
Shine for the Sav-iour King;
Shine for the Wise Men night-ly,
Com-ing rich gifts to bring.

PRAYER.

DEAR Fath-er, We bow be-fore thee, ask-ing thee to bless us to-day. We thank thee for the bright star which led the wise men to kneel be-fore Je-sus. We can-not bring him rich gifts to hon-or him as king, but we can bring him to-day what he loves bet-ter,—our lov-ing hearts. Dear Fath-er, for-give us the wrong we may have done, and lead us to see the light of Je-sus' love, which is al-ways shin-ing to show us the way to find him. May we al-ways turn our fac-es tow-ards this light, and nev-er wan-der a-way where there is dark-ness and dan-ger. We ask all in the name of Je-sus. A-MEN.

HYMN. "Star of Bethlehem." *

Not too fast. LEO R. LEWIS.

1. What does it mean, O star of the night, That thou art seen In heav - en so bright? Wise men will fol - low thee, And they shall sure-ly see What their eyes long for, O beau - ti - ful light. Fol - low the star,

2. God set thy light To shine in the sky; He made thee bright With light from on high. Wise men will fol - low thee, And they shall sure-ly see What their eyes long for, O beau - ti - ful light. Fol - low the star,

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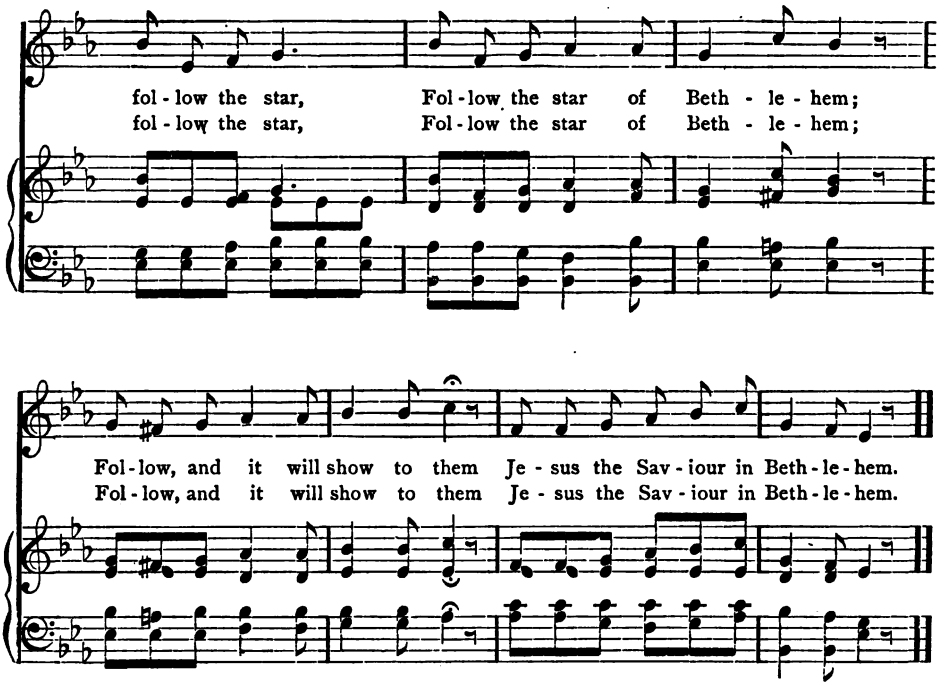
fol - low the star, Fol - low the star of Beth - le - hem;
fol - low the star, Fol - low the star of Beth - le - hem;
Fol - low, and it will show to them Je - sus the Sav - iour in Beth - le - hem.
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III.

The Flight into Egypt.

TEACHER'S READING.

NOW Herod, the wicked, cruel king, heard about the wise men who were asking where the young King of the Jews might be found. Herod was afraid lest it might be true that a new king had been born who would drive him from the throne. So he sent for the wise men to come to his beautiful palace, and asked them, should they find the baby King, to come back to Jerusalem to tell him where the kingly child might be found.

Herod had a wicked wish in his heart to kill the young King. But when the wise men found Mary and the babe at Bethlehem, God sent an angel to tell them to go back to their own country by another way. An angel also came to Joseph in a dream, warning him that King Herod meant harm to the child Jesus, and telling him to go at once with Mary and their babe into the land of Egypt, — a country far away where Herod did not rule. Here they lived in safety until after the death of Herod.

READING IN UNISON.

WHY need we fear? God watch-es o-ver all;
He sees each lit-tle child, how-ev-er small,
And holds each lit-tle life with ten-der care,
Be-cause his love is with us ev'-ry-where.

RESPONSIVE READING.

GOD cares for all.
He does not for-get e-ven the small-est child.
He notes the sparrow's fall,
And num-bers e-ven the hairs of our heads.
He watched over the blessed child Jesus,
And he will watch o-ver us.
His eye never sleeps,
E-ven when the night is here.
His ear is ever open.

He hears the cry of lit-tle chil-dren.
We will thank God ev-er for his lov-ing care o-ver us.

PRAYER.

WE thank thee, dear Fath-er, for thy love and care which have kept us safe and well through the past week. When we have slept thou hast watched o-ver us, and when a-wake thy love has been with us each mo-ment. Help us, O our dear, kind Fath-er, to re-mem-ber how much thou art do-ing for us. In our morn-ing and e-ven-ing pray-er may we re-mem-ber to thank thee, and ev-er-y mo-ment of the day live as though we could see thee, e-ven as we know that thou art al-ways near us. We ask in the name of Je-sus. A-MEN.

HYMN. "God's Care." *

Not too slow.

LEO R. LEWIS.

1 When we say our ev'n - ing pray'r, Ask - ing for God's ten - der care,
2 When the bright-faced morn - ing sun Says a new day is be - gun,
3. God holds safe - ly in his care Lit - tle chil - dren ev' - ry - where;

He looks down in love to see Chil - dren bend the knee.
Chil-dren turn their thoughts a - bove, Grate-ful for God's love.
When we wake or when we sleep, He his watch doth keep.

He cares for me, He cares for me, I know he cares for me;

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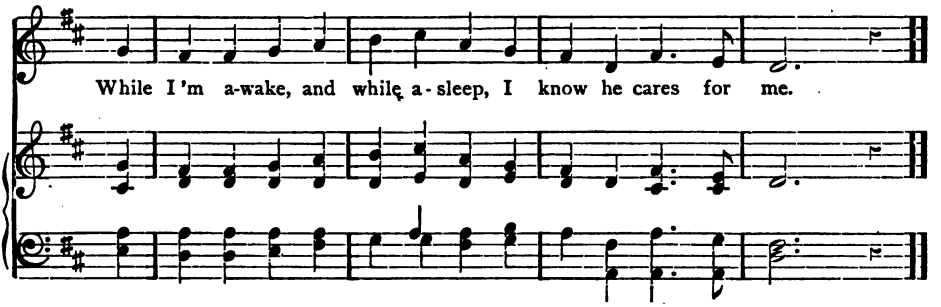
While I'm a-wake, and while a-sleep, I know he cares for me.

IV.

Jesus Among the Doctors.

TEACHER'S READING.

JOSEPH, Mary, and the holy babe came back after the death of King Herod to live in their old home at Nazareth. When Jesus was twelve years old he went with his father and mother to Jerusalem to the feast of the passover. Here a great many people came from all parts of the world to the grand feast. It must have been like a wonder-world to a child who had lived in the quiet village of Nazareth.

Not waiting to see the strange sights of the city, Jesus hurried to the temple, where the learned doctors were met. They talked of many things wisely and well, little thinking that the child Jesus, who stood in the midst of them, could understand their words. But the eager lad soon forgot all things, and spoke before them even more wisely than they. All were astonished at his words.

READING IN UNISON.

WE can-not know all things;
Yet day by day,
In God's own way,
To us new truth he brings.
If we to Je-sus turn
And hum-bly ask,
He'll give the task
We dai-ly need to learn.

RESPONSIVE READING.

GOD is wise;
He know-eth all things.
Jesus too was wise,
Be-cause God taught him.
God sent Jesus into the world
To be the world's great teach-er.
How can we learn of him?
We can read the Bi-ble.
The Bible is the word of God.
Bet-ter than all oth-er books.
We will study its blessed pages,
That we may learn how to live in the right way.
We will love and praise God for Jesus the great teacher.

PRAYER.

WE come a-gain, dear Fath-er, to learn more of thee and of the bless-ed Je-sus whom thou didst send to teach us thy will and thy way. May we be will-ing to learn, try-ing each day to know more a-bout the right, and more will-ing to do well. As in our school and at our play we must choose eith-er the right or wrong, may we be like the bless-ed child Je-sus, sure to choose the right. We ask thy help and bless-ing to-day. For-give the wrong we have done, and make us read-y to do the right. A-MEN.

HYMN. "Good Morning to All."*

LEO R. LEWIS.

1. Good morn - ing, good morn - ing to each, to all! A good Sun-day morn - ing is here; . . . A wake, for the sun, His day has be - gun: God calls us from sleep This
2. Good even - ing, good even - ing to each, to all! A good Sun-day even - ing is here; . . . To sleep! for the sun His day's work has done! How hap - py are we God's
3. Good morn - ing *or* even - ing to each, to all! No mat - ter what day may be here; . . . All days are good days If spent in good ways: O may we so live That

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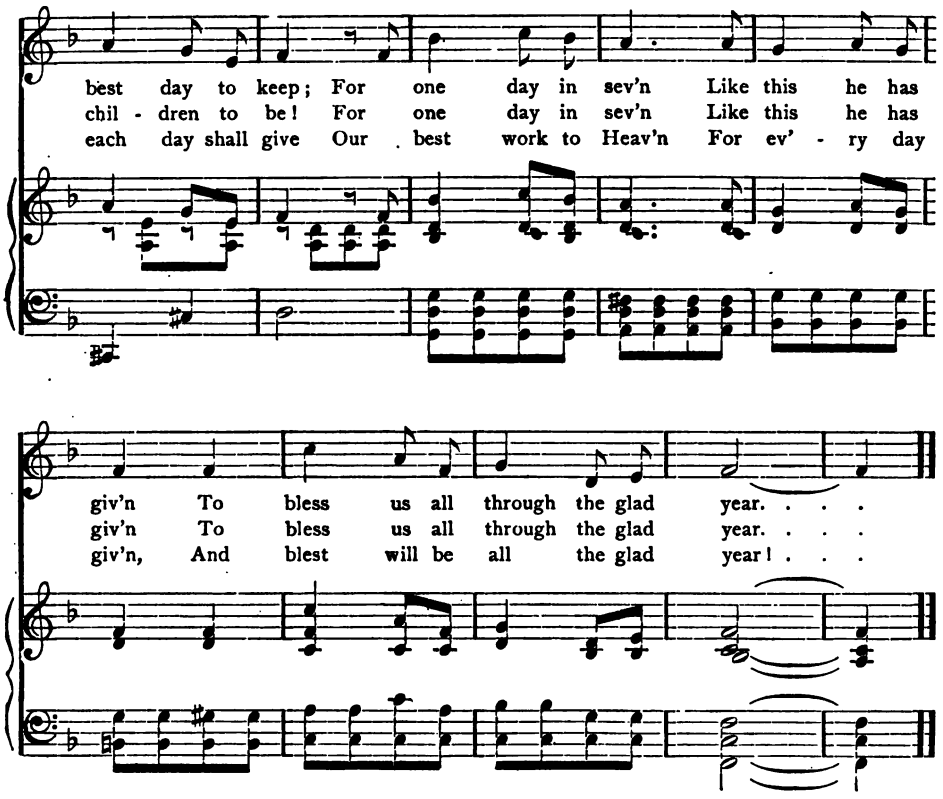
best day to keep; For one day in sev'n Like this he has
chil - dren to be! For one day in sev'n Like this he has
each day shall give Our best work to Heav'n For ev' - ry day
giv'n To bless us all through the glad year. . . .
giv'n To bless us all through the glad year. . . .
giv'n, And blest will be all the glad year! . . .

V.

Jesus Lingers at the Temple.

TEACHER'S READING.

WHEN the feast was over, Joseph and Mary started on their way towards home. The crowd was very great, and they did not wonder that Jesus was not in sight. But as the day wore on, and the company grew small, they found that their dear child had been left behind. So they hurried back to Jerusalem, afraid that some harm had come to him. At last they found him at the temple, still staying with the wise doctors, both listening to them and asking them questions.

The mother of Jesus came to him, asking why he had stayed behind. He could only plead that he must be doing God's work. He wished to stay longer; but when he saw that his mother was grieved, he went with her willingly back to their home in Nazareth.

READING IN UNISON.

IN the morn-ing we will greet him,
Grate-ful for each new day lent;
In the e-ven-ing we will meet him,
Thank-ful for a day well spent, —
Love him, serve him day by day,
Walk-ing in God's heav'n-ly way.

RESPONSIVE READING.

GOD'S work must be done.
Each one may do some-thing.
Jesus was eager to begin God's work,
E-ven when he was a child.
No one is too young to begin God's work,
E-ven the small-est child.

To-day we will work for God.
We will be kind to all.
We will learn our les-sons well.
We will love our teach-ers and mates.
We will love God's day.
We will praise his ho-ly name.

PRAYER.

A-GAIN we bow be-fore thee, dear Fath-er in heav-en, to thank thee for the light of this new day. May we spend it in do-ing thy good work. We are still young, and do not un-der-stand well what we ought to do; yet we may al-ways be kind and lov-ing to-wards all, and may help in lit-tle things to make our dear par-ents, our broth-ers and sis-ters and lit-tle mates hap-py. We thank thee for Je-sus, and what he is help-ing us to do. We will try to fol-low him, and serve thee well each day, and all through our lives. A-MEN.

HYMN. "God's Beautiful Way." *

LEO R. LEWIS.

1. God gave me these two lit-tle hands To work for him ev - e - ry day; .
2. God gave me these two lit-tle ears To hear what I 'm need-ing to know; .
3. God gave me this warm beating heart, Or how could I love him so well? .

He gave me these two lit-tle feet To walk in the heav'n-ly way. . . O
He gave me these two lit-tle eyes To show me the way to go. . . O
He gave me these two lit-tle lips His glo - ri - ous praise to tell. . . O

beau-ti-ful way! God's beau-ti-ful way! I know it is bright and fair; . . The

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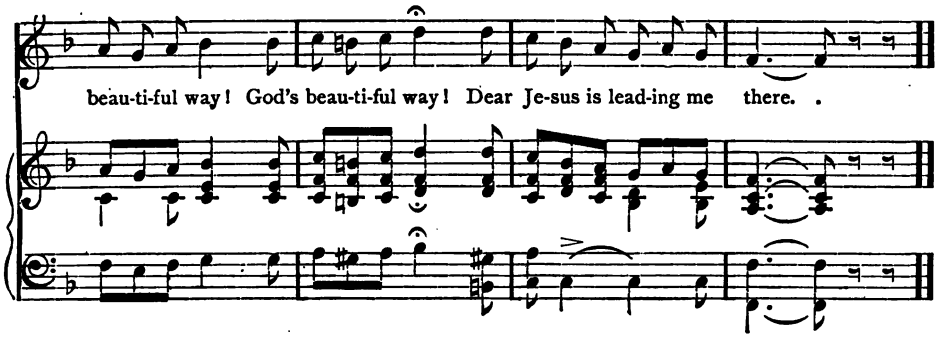
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